

Rodney McKinney, Assistant Principal

I am proud to serve as an Assistant Principal at Zephyrhills High School, where I have the privilege of supporting students, staff, families, and the greater Zephyrhills community.

My journey into education began after graduating from Bethune-Cookman University with a degree in General Education. Although I initially pursued careers outside of teaching, I quickly realized that education was my true calling. I began working as a one-to-one paraprofessional supporting a student with intellectual disabilities in a metro Atlanta school district. Shortly thereafter, I became an Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD) teacher serving students in grades 3 through 5. After three years in that role, I transitioned into secondary education, working with both middle and high school students.

I later joined Pasco County Schools at the Achieve Center of Pasco, where I served as an EBD teacher and was promoted to Behavior Specialist. In this role, I supported Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students and staff while developing strategies to improve student behavior and outcomes. These experiences provided me with valuable leadership opportunities and inspired me to pursue school administration.

While serving in Pasco County, I completed the Administrative Intern Program at Double Branch Elementary School and earned my master's degree from the University of Tampa. Following the completion of both programs, I was honored to be selected as an Assistant Principal at Wesley Chapel High School before joining the administrative team at Zephyrhills High School.

Beyond my professional responsibilities, I am a devoted husband and father of two children. I am also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. My family and I have embraced the Zephyrhills community and are committed to building meaningful relationships that positively impact the lives of students and families.

I am passionate about creating a safe, supportive, and academically challenging environment where every student can succeed. It is truly an honor to be part of the Zephyrhills High School family, and I look forward to continuing to serve our community with dedication, integrity, and pride.