



Principal

Spotlight

Dr. Andy Payne
David Perdue Elementary

What do you love about your school?

I love that our school lives our mission statement to "Build a Community of Responsible, Lifelong Learners." We live out this motto by doing donation drives for the Cancer Center, Ronald McDonald House, the Children's Hospital, and others. Our faculty and staff remain dedicated to ensuring that ALL students learn at a high level, build responsibility, and become lifelong learners. What we have is truly special! Perdue Elementary is just a building; it's the people inside that make it unique.

What do you love most about being a principal?

As a leader, I have focused on providing opportunities for student growth personally and academically. We emphasize the graduation rate and help students understand we want 100% of our Bulldogs to graduate high school. I love that I get to help them see the bigger picture in academics and life. I am honored to come to work and see a group of people dedicated to their craft so that ALL kids learn at a high level.

Tell us about the person who inspired you to become a leader.

I've had several great influences in my life. So many former teachers and leaders have believed in me, but the one person who I look up to the most is Dr. Eric Payne. He is my brother, but I watched him grow as an assistant principal, principal, and now Assistant Superintendent. He continues to inspire me, and I believe there is no better role model for me in education. When I stepped into leadership, I knew that if I could be half the leader he was, then I would be doing a great job.

Fun Fact

I am color blind so my wife has to help me match my ties with my outfits.