

GROVER WATKINS

High School Principal

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-oriented High School Principal with 12 years of experience leading large educational institutions. Proven ability to drive academic excellence, improve graduation rates by 20%, and foster a positive school culture. Currently leading Bronxwood High School, known for its innovative career-readiness programs and college prep initiatives.

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EDUCATION

2010 - 2012

Master's in School Leadership

Columbia University / New York, NY

1996 - 2000

Bachelor's in English Education

Rutgers University / New Brunswick, NJ

Certifications

- New York State School Building Leader (SBL) Certification (renewed in 2024)
- Certified in Restorative Justice Practices (2022)
- Advanced Data Analytics in Education Certification (2020)

SKILLS

- Career and College Readiness Programs Expert
- Graduation Rate Improvement Expert
- Student and Faculty Development Expert
- Data-Driven Instructional Strategies Expert
- Community Partnerships Expert

EXPERIENCE

2017 - Now

High School Principal Bronxwood High School / New York, NY

- Oversee a high school with 1,200 students, focusing on improving graduation rates and academic achievement.
- Implement career readiness programs that increase student internships and partnerships with local businesses by 40%.
- Collaborate with faculty to introduce targeted interventions that have raised the graduation rate from 78% to 93%.
- Foster a positive school culture by leading initiatives that promote inclusivity, student leadership, and community engagement.

2012 - 2017

Vice Principal Eastview High School / Newark, NJ

- Managed discipline procedures and student support services for a diverse population of 1,000 students.
- Led efforts to increase Advanced Placement (AP) course enrollment, boosting participation by 25% over three years.
- Supervised teacher evaluations and provided feedback to improve instructional quality and student outcomes.
- Organized and facilitated parent engagement events, improving school-home communication and involvement.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Bronx Youth Leadership Council (since 2023)
- Volunteer Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters NYC (since 2020)