

DR. SYLVIA HALL SANDERS, VICE PRESIDENT OF SCHOOLS, TAMPA BAY

As Vice President of Schools of IDEA Public Schools in Tampa Bay, Dr. Hall Sanders' serves as a senior member of the regional leadership cabinet, directly managing a portfolio of schools, principals, and initiatives that impact the education of future graduates. She is responsible for the superior performance of schools in the Tampa Bay regional portfolio. As a Florida native, Dr. Hall Sanders' brings to IDEA more than 20 years of experience as teacher and leader in elementary, middle school, high school, and post-secondary education settings.

Prior to joining IDEA in June 2019, Dr. Hall Sanders' served as a Turn Around Principal for a total of twelve years in metro Atlanta and Florida. She also served as a state Cluster Leader, wherein she worked with failing schools in Arkansas and Mississippi helping to increase student performance for underserved populations and communities. Dr. Hall Sanders' also serves as an Advanced Scorer for EdTPA evaluating the final portfolio and essay submissions for education majors wishing to become teacher and current educator helping to become administrators. She has completed the Rensselaerville School Turn Around program for Leaders which provides strategies and tools to aide persistently low performing public schools in various school districts.

The largest portion of Dr. Hall Sanders's career has been serving as an elementary and middle school principal in Florida and Georgia. In her time as principal, she has successfully turned around four failing schools receiving recognition from the state for her innovative leadership and having her inner-city school ranked as one of Atlanta's highest performing schools in the Mays Cluster. Additionally, Dr. Hall Sanders' received recognition for leading her Georgia schools to being recognized by the State of Georgia as a "Beating the Odds" for seven years. Additionally, while serving as principal of the Downtown Miami Charter School in the Overtown community of Miami, Florida, she received commendations for moving the school from a "D" to an "A" rating in one year. Dr. Hall Sanders' has a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Capella University and a Master of Science degree from Walden University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She has also completed thirty additional hours from Walden University in Curriculum & Instruction. Moreover, Dr. Hall Sanders' holds professional educator certification in five states.

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Dr. Hall Sanders' Hall Sanders, a Florida native born and raised in Tallahassee, brings more than 20 years of experience as a teacher, state cluster leader and turn around principal to IDEA. Sanders began her career as an elementary education teacher in St Petersburg, Florida. She has also taught middle school. In her time as a state cluster leader, she worked with failing schools in Arkansas and Mississippi helping to increase student performance for underserved populations. The largest portion of her career has been serving as an elementary and middle school principal in Florida and Georgia. In her time as principal, she has successfully turned around four failing schools receiving recognition from the state for her innovative leadership and having her inner-city school ranked as one of Atlanta's highest performing schools in the Mays Cluster. Additionally, while serving as principal of the Downtown Miami Charter School in the Overtown community of Miami, Florida, she received commendations for moving the school from a "D" to an "A" rating in one year. As Vice President of Schools- IDEA Tampa Bay, the second IDEA region outside of Texas, Sanders is poised to manage school-based leaders in her Florida-based community when its first four schools open in the fall of 2021.