

# Jessica Willis

MCMS ACCESS TEACHER

SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING SCIENCE & MATH TO STUDENTS WITH VARYING DISABILITIES BY PROVIDING THEM ACCESS TO THE GEORGIA EXTENDED STANDARDS THROUGH A MODIFIED CURRICULUM.

Ms. Willis has worked in education for 10 years, 2 at MCMS.

*In her spare time, she loves to sing, play piano, go to the gym, or go for a run.*

FAVORITES:

Movie: Dirty  
Dancing  
Color: red  
Food: pasta

SHE WAS BORN & RAISED IN THOMASVILLE, GA. HER MOM, DAD, & OLDER BROTHER ALL STILL LIVE THERE. SHE MOVED FROM THOMASVILLE 2 YEARS AGO TO WORK FOR MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS. SHE LIVES IN MACON WITH HER OTHER HALF, NICK, & THEIR 3 SWEET FUR BABIES (RYKER, ADDY, & GUNNER).

MS. WILLIS CHOSE HER CAREER BECAUSE AS A 10TH GRADER, SHE BEGAN WORKING AT A CAMP CALLED CAMP ARROW. CAMP ARROW IS A ONE WEEK-RESIDENTIAL CAMP DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGES 6-14 WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL RANGES. ACTIVITIES ARE CREATED TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE & FOSTER SELF-CONFIDENCE. AFTER WORKING THERE, SHE KNEW SHE WANTED TO WORK WITH STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. SHE WENT BACK EACH YEAR & HAS WORKED AS A JUNIOR COUNSELOR, SENIOR COUNSELOR, & NOW MUSIC DIRECTOR.

"I LOVE THAT OUR ACCESS STAFF HAS BECOME FAMILY. WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE STUDENTS NEEDS ARE MET."

*What she's most proud of in her career is seeing the progress that the students are able to achieve throughout the year. As many people say, special education is a rewarding job, & they're absolutely right. These children are able to learn and make gains too! "We celebrate ALL gains, big or small!"*

"I am most grateful for God allowing doors of opportunities to open in my life. Two years ago if you would have asked me if I would have moved away from home and taken a job in a middle school after teaching elementary for 8 years, I would have said, "No way." I am thankful that even through the uncertainty God has a plan and it always works out!"