



# Queen Creek School District No.95

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## QUEEN CREEK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRES ALLISON CARMICHAEL AS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



QUEEN CREEK, AZ, June 8, 2016 — Dr. Perry Berry, Superintendent of Queen Creek Unified School District (QCUSD), has announced the hiring of Allison Carmichael as the new Principal of Gateway Polytechnic Academy, starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Carmichael was born and raised in Chicago before settling in Gilbert for 15 years. She graduated from Western Michigan University where she earned a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education. She continued her education to earn her secondary education certificate.

Most recently, Mrs. Carmichael has served as Assistant Principal at Williams Field High School. Prior to that, she taught eighth grade English at a Tempe school. After teaching there for two years, she was interested in coaching the McClintock softball team in a neighboring high school.

Not only is Allison a NCAA collegiate athlete, she is an avid learner who enjoys reading professionally and recreationally.

Allison and her husband, Nick, have three wonderful and busy children, and can be found most weekends hiking in the beauty of Arizona.

Mrs. Carmichael is looking forward to her new adventure at Gateway Polytechnic Academy. "As Erin Hanson has stated, 'What if I fall? Oh but darling, what if you fly?'" quoted Allison. "Gateway Polytechnic Academy poses a sense of wonderment and opportunity that makes me very eager to get started encouraging our Aviators to fly. I look forward to my first days on campus learning as much I can from the teachers, staff, students and parents who have already made the school a proud institution of the community."

"We are excited to have Mrs. Allison Carmichael join our QCUSD family as Principal of Gateway Polytechnic Academy," said Dr. Berry. "She brings with her many experiences that will benefit our students and the community, and is dedicated to the vision to Engineer Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

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**About QCUSD** The Queen Creek Unified School District, located in the East Valley, serves more than 6,000 students in 5 elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. QCUSD is one of only nine districts in the state to have been graded "A" by the Arizona Department of Education for four consecutive years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14). With ongoing open enrollment and alternative educational opportunities, the District boasts a 92 percent high school graduation rate. QCUSD prides itself on excelling schools, award-winning teachers, specialized programs, and championship sports programs. At Queen Creek Unified School District "Learning is our #1 priority." To learn more about the district, visit [www.qcUSD.org](http://www.qcUSD.org).

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