



Mrs. Candy Jernigan

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Mrs. Jernigan serves as the Dean of Academics at Family Christian Academy. She grew up in Birmingham, Alabama in a Christian family. At the age of nine, she gave her heart to Christ at a summer camp. Mrs. Jernigan continued to be involved in youth and school choirs and had the opportunity to go on several mission trips as a teen and college student. She was a leader in both her high school and college marching bands.

Mrs. Jernigan has always felt called to serve others. This calling led her into the field of special education. She graduated from The University of Alabama with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She has worked in medical and educational settings over her career, with opportunities to be a special education team leader and mentor at various schools during this time. Mrs. Jernigan has worked with students exhibiting a range of abilities to evaluate, plan, and implement instruction to meet their needs.

Mrs. Jernigan's philosophy of education begins with being a lifelong learner herself. She believes that there are always areas where she can continue to learn over her lifetime and wants to instill that belief in the students and colleagues that she encounters. Mrs. Jernigan believes that every student has their own God-given talents and learning styles. Education should be learner-focused to meet students where they are and give them the tools they need to succeed. Students benefit from measurable goals that they can set using collaboration with their teachers and family. When students can have data-driven discussions, many times this will keep them motivated to strive to reach their goals and push their learning forward. Mrs. Jernigan creates a caring learning environment where students can learn from their mistakes and celebrate successes both large and small. In addition to improving academic and social skills, she wants her students to grow in their walk with the Lord and find their identity in Him first and foremost.