



Killeen I.S.D

School Counselor

Autobiography of Monique Turner

Monique Turner was born in Ft. Knox, KY and raised in Killeen, TX. She attended Hay Branch Elementary School for 1st and 2nd grade, Liberty Hill Middle School for 8th grade, and Harker Heights High School for 9th through 12th grade and graduated in 2004. Monique received a full Academic scholarship from the Frederick Douglas Honors Program at Texas Southern University in Houston, TX. There, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Child and Family Development in 2008. Originally, Monique wanted to be a Licensed Professional Counselor but soon realized her calling was to help children specifically in the school system. After working for Bell County MHMR with an Early Childhood Intervention Program for 3 years, she decided to continue her education in the Graduate Program at Texas A&M University – Central Texas where she earned a Master of Education degree in Counseling in 2013.

Determined to become a school counselor, Monique enrolled in an alternative teaching certification program, iteachTexas, in order to fulfill the two year teaching requirement. After completing the certification program in 4 months, she was hired in the 2012-13 school year as a first year teacher at Live Oak Ridge Middle School where she taught 6th grade Language Arts and 7th and 8th grade Pre-Journalism. The following school year of 2013-14, she taught 6th grade Math at Charles Patterson Middle School. The next school year of 2014-15 with two years of teaching under her belt, Monique applied for and was hired as a first year school counselor at Reeces Creek Elementary School. Although she adored younger children, she enjoyed middle school aged children more. At the start of the 2015-16 school year, Monique accepted a middle school counselor position and returned to Charles Patterson Middle School where she is currently. This is Monique's second school year as a middle school counselor, and she absolutely loves what she does.

Monique currently lives in Killeen, TX with her husband of 7 years and her adorable 3 year old dog, a Malt-poo mix named Nala. She and her husband enjoy cruising, traveling, and watching movies together.