



**Chris Chism,
Pearl Public School District Superintendent**

Chris Chism has dedicated more than 30 years to public education and currently serves as Superintendent of Schools for the Pearl Public School District. His career includes roles as a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and district leader. Prior to becoming superintendent, he served as principal of Pearl High School and Lafayette Middle School, and as assistant principal at

New Albany High School.

Chism earned an Associate of Arts degree from East Mississippi Community College, where he began his collegiate baseball career, before continuing his academic and athletic pursuits at the University of Florida. After injuries ended his professional baseball career, he returned to Mississippi to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University and a Master of Education from the University of Mississippi as a member of the Principal Corps. He also completed leadership training through the National Institute for School Leadership and the Mississippi Association of School Administrators Superintendent Academy.

In addition to district leadership, Chism serves on the EMCED Board and the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Task Force, contributing to statewide discussions on innovation, emerging technologies, and workforce development.

A recognized leader in artificial intelligence in education, Chism has delivered 256 presentations across 12 states over the past two years, supporting educators, school leaders, and organizations in the ethical and effective use of AI to enhance leadership, innovation, and operational efficiency.

His leadership has been recognized locally, statewide, and nationally, including being named Pearl Public School District Administrator of the Year, a University of Mississippi Practitioner of Distinction, and the 2025–2026 Superintendent of the Year by the Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

Chism remains committed to serving students, staff, and the Pearl community and credits his success to the mentors and colleagues who have supported him throughout his career. He and his wife, Ashley, and their children, Cade and Bailey, are proud to call Pearl home.