

Betsy Laughter grew up in Forrest City, Arkansas and graduated from Forrest City High School in 2005. She attended Arkansas State University and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. After completing her first year of teaching she enrolled in a graduate program and in 2012, she graduated from Arkansas State University with a Master of Science in Reading. She went on to obtain two additional degrees. She graduated from University of Central Arkansas in 2014 with a Master of Science in Library Media Science and again in 2015 with a Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University.

Betsy began teaching in 2009 in Marion as an 8th grade English teacher. She coached the Marion Junior High cheerleaders from 2009 - 2013. In August of 2013, she accepted a position at Marion Elementary School as the Library Media Specialist. After realizing that she missed the classroom and longed to have a greater opportunity to connect with students, she went back into the classroom to teach 9th grade Pre-AP English at Marion Junior High. In 2016 she was given the great opportunity to serve as Assistant Principal at Marion Intermediate school, where she has been serving for two years.

Betsy lives in Marion with her husband Joseph Laughter and bonus children, Lake and Lexie Claire. She is a member of Marion United Methodist Church and Social Advisor to the Omicron Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega at Arkansas State University.

Betsy's hope is to continue guiding students in their academic endeavors as a member of the dynamic administrative team at Visual and Performing Arts. She is excited to work within an environment that fosters imagination and sparks creativity. She truly believes that art integration is the best way to develop a child's mind and spirit. By encouraging our students to take risks, we stretch the bounds by which they are limited thus allowing them to grow into the person they are meant to be!