

Chad Allaman Bio

Dr. Chad Allaman officially started as superintendent at Washington District 50 Schools on August 18, 2014. Prior to that, he served seven years as superintendent at Central School District 51 in Washington. He was also an administrator at Illini Central Schools in Mason City, IL and Avon Elementary School. He taught History, World Geography, and Political Science at Bushnell-Prairie City High School and was an assistant coach for football and basketball and head coach for girls track.

Dr. Allaman grew up on a farm near Monmouth, Illinois and graduated from Yorkwood High School in 1984. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1989 from Western Illinois University, majoring in Mass Communications. He received his Master of Science in Education Degree in 1999, his Education Specialist Degree in 2004 and his Doctor of Education Degree in 2008, all from Western Illinois University.

During the seven years before becoming a teacher, he gained leadership experience in association management and corporate sales. He first moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he served as a national staff member for Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity from 1989 to 1991. He returned to W.I.U. from 1992 to 1993 to earn his education certification and worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Educational Administration. From 1993 to 1996, he worked as a sales representative for Sandoz Agro, Inc. in southern Minnesota.

In August 1996, Chad and his wife Laura returned to Illinois to begin his educational career. His background in education spans 18 years and includes teaching and coaching in alternative and secondary public schools and PreK-12 administration. As superintendent, he has extensive experience in public school finance, strategic planning and goal setting, collective bargaining, and school construction.

In an effort to give back to the education community, Dr. Allaman has taught Education Law and supervised superintendent and principal interns as an adjunct faculty member for Western Illinois University. In addition, he is currently Director for the Central Illinois Valley Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators and served as President the past four years. He is also Vice President of the Executive Committee for Tazewell and Mason Counties Special Education Association. Finally, he has presented at the IASB*IASA*IASBO Joint Annual Conference and the Illinois No Child Left Behind Conference.

Married 20 years, Chad and his wife Laura reside in Washington, Illinois. Laura holds a Master's Degree in Biology Education and taught at the high school and junior college levels before staying home to raise their daughter Grace. Laura now teaches part-time at District 52 in Washington. Grace is a sophomore at Washington Community High School and a member of the Marching Panthers. The Allaman's enjoy involvement in church and school events, visiting their families, and various outdoor activities. They are excited to be part of the Washington District 50 Schools family.