

Keith A. Mispagel President, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and Superintendent of Schools, USD 207, Fort Leavenworth

Following Graduation from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, with a degree in Elementary Education, Dr. Keith Mispagel became a substitute teacher in Atchison and Fort Leavenworth. After several long-term substitute assignments that year, Dr. Mispagel was hired to teach First Grade full-time for the 1996/1997 School Year. After teaching First Grade for two years, Dr. Mispagel then taught a year of 5th grade. During his three years of teaching, Dr. Mispagel completed his Masters of Arts in Educational Administration from Benedictine College. Dr. Mispagel started his administrative career in 1999 in Atchison as principal at Atchison Catholic Elementary School and St. Joseph's Elementary School in Nortonville for two years.

Beginning the 2001/2002 School Year, Dr. Mispagel was hired by USD 207 as elementary Principal at Eisenhower Elementary. During his time as principal he completed his Educational Specialists Degree from the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC). After four years as principal at Eisenhower, Dr. Mispagel was hired to be the Deputy Superintendent for USD 207 to begin the 2005/2006 School Year. Dr. Mispagel served as the Deputy Superintendent for 5 years. During this time, he also completed his course requirements for his Ph.D. in Urban Leadership and Policy Studies in Education and Educational Leadership and graduated from UMKC with his Ph.D. in May 2016. In 2010, Dr. Mispagel was appointed to Superintendent by the Board of Education and still serves in this role today.

Dr. Mispagel is an Executive Board Member (President) for the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA), a role he has served in since 2012. Additionally, Dr. Mispagel has been on the Executive Board of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) since 2014 and has served as Secretary for two years, Vice-President for two years, and now serves as President of the Executive Board. Both national organizations advocate for funding support and legislation for federally connected children, namely military-connected students nationwide. In 2009, Dr. Mispagel received the Commander's Award for Public Service from LTG William Caldwell (former Commanding General for the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth), for his duties as Deputy Superintendent. Additionally, Dr. Mispagel received the Commander's Award for Public Service in Spring 2019 from COL Marne Sutter, Garrison Commander; the Public Service Commendation Medal (June 2020 and May 2021) from COL Harry Hung, Garrison Commander, for his duties as Superintendent of USD 207.

Dr. Mispagel is married to the former Dione (Wilson) Mispagel, and has five sons Tanner, Blake, Parker, Brody, and Keegan.