

A native Texan, Dr. Don Jones attended East Texas State University (Texas A&M – Commerce) and received a BS degree in Political Science and Speech and his M.Ed. degree in Educational Administration. He later graduated from the University of Houston with a doctorate in Educational Leadership. He had a (34) year career in public education in Texas where he served as a teacher at the elementary and high school levels as a principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent in several districts ranging from small rural to large urban settings. During his service as a school superintendent his district consistently achieved high performance ratings and he was recognized as the Region 2 Superintendent of the Year in 2005. After retirement from public education in 2008 he served as coordinator for the Ed.D. doctoral program at Walden university and later joined the faculty as a full-time professor in the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at Texas A&M University – Kingsville in 2010. He is an active researcher and his interests include public school leadership at the campus and district levels, school board relations, community relations and communications, team building, public school finance and character education in public school settings.

As a faculty member at TAMUK, he serves as the Co-Coordinator of the EDAD degree program including both principal and superintendent certification. As a member of the doctoral faculty, he has chaired (44) student dissertations to completion. One of his favorite responsibilities is assisting his students in achieving their first peer reviewed publication(s) as well as to present their research at professional conferences. His courses include Principal and Superintendent Internship, Philosophy of Education, Politics of Education, Educational Policy, and Proposal and Dissertation Research.

Courses Taught:

[Educational Leadership \(Ed.D.\)](#)

EDLD 6301: Philosophy of Education
EDLD 6303: The Politics of Education
EDLD 6313: Educational Policy
EDLD 6306: Proposal and Dissertation Research

[Educational Administration \(M.S.\)](#)

EDAD 5345: Principal Internship
EDAD 5385: Superintendent Internship