

# *Brian J. Jensen*

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Proven instructional leader and equity-driven practitioner ready to serve as Principal at Emerson Middle School. Demonstrates a consistent record of boosting student achievement, fostering an inclusive school culture, and mentoring educators to excellence. Passionate about building systems of support that help all students succeed—academically, behaviorally, and socially.

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## **Education and Certifications**

- **Inclusive Leadership Certificate Enhancement** *MAASE, Expected 2026*
  - **Education Specialist in K-12 Administration** *Wayne State University, 2020*
  - **Master of Teaching and Curriculum** *Michigan State University, 2016*
  - **Educational Technology Certificate** *Michigan State University, 2016*
  - **Bachelor of Arts** *Saginaw Valley State University, 2010*
  - **Highly Qualified:** Elementary Education (K-5), Integrated Science (DI) (6-8), Math (EX)
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## **Administrative Experiences**

### **Middle School Assistant Principal**

*Frost Middle School, Livonia, MI. August 2021 – Current*

- Designed Math and ELA intervention courses and secured grant funding for literacy initiatives.
- Well-versed in MTSS, specifically three tiers of academic and behavioral supports.
- Improved state assessment scores in Math and Reading and while narrowing achievement gaps.
- Provided support to our leadership team as they delivered peer-to-peer professional development.
- Led a collaborative process for student support through bi-weekly educational planning meetings.
- Strengthened tiered systems of behavior support, which reduced the number of major referrals and lowered the ratio of referrals that led to suspension.
- Reduced the suspension risk ratio for African American students to its lowest ratio this decade.
- Implemented and refreshed the Expect Respect Bully Prevention program.
- Aided in the inception of Unified Sports at Frost.
- Accepted into the MAASE Inclusive Leaders Cohort and a member of the LiftED Leadership Cohort within Galileo.
- Contributed to Frost earning all “A’s” on the State Report Card in 2023 and 2024.

### **Middle School Dean**

*Fortis Academy, Ypsilanti, MI. August 2016 – August 2021*

- Identified as a reward school by the State and awarded a School of Excellence Award from NHA.
- All teachers under my supervision achieved greater than 115% median student growth for three consecutive years on NWEA MAP test results in both Math and ELA.
- Responsible for establishing a PBIS model and establishing common classroom expectations.
- Reduced behavior referrals by 50% through a shared vision based on restorative practices, “Behave with Care”, and behavior support plans

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## Teaching Experiences

- **Adjunct Faculty – Graduate Education Staff**  
*Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI. April 2020 - Current*
  - **Mathematics and Science Teacher. Sixth through Eighth Grade**  
*Lansing Charter Academy, Lansing, MI. August 2011 – June 2016*
  - **Fifth Grade Self-Contained Classroom Teacher**  
*James T. Jones Elementary School, Gladstone, MI. August 2010 to June 2011*
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## Extra-Curricular Experiences

- USA Hockey Official (2000 – Current)
- Head Baseball Coach, Bath High School Varsity (2016)
- Head Baseball Coach, Sexton High School (2012-2015)
- Head Baseball Coach, Lansing Baseball Club 18 and under (2013-2015)
- Assistant Volleyball Coach Lansing Charter Academy Middle School (2012 – 2014)
- Assistant Baseball Coach Escanaba High School Varsity (2010-2011)
- Head Football Coach Gladstone Middle School (2010)
- Student Athlete, Saginaw Valley State University Baseball (NCAA Division 2)
- Student Athlete, Saginaw Valley State University Hockey (ACHA Division 3)

## References

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