

Shannon Grimes, M.Ed.

Superintendent

Shannon Grimes has been in the field of education for well over two decades. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history education from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, where he also was a varsity letterman in football, earning NAIA Academic All-American honors and was selected to the inaugural class of Louise Hornbeak History Scholars. He earned his Master of Education in educational administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Grimes enjoyed a successful coaching and teaching career that included serving as an assistant on football coaching staffs, winning four state championships in football, and achieving a career record as a head coach of 75-38.

During his time as a teacher and coach, Mr. Grimes was awarded Coach of the Year honors by various newspapers and other entities on 3 separate occasions. He was awarded the Teacher-of-the-Year honor at Frederick High School and promoted to principal at Watonga High School. Each year he served as the high school principal there, the school earned an "A" on the state's "A to F" report card.

Mr. Grimes became superintendent of Dover Public Schools, where his leadership led to the stabilization of finances in the district, growing the general fund balance from \$70,000 to over \$390,000 and increasing the building fund balance from \$17 to over \$50,000.

By the end of Grimes' tenure at Dover Public Schools, the high school had been replaced with a state-of-the-art building, the cafeteria and kitchen had been remodeled, and the elementary building had upstairs restrooms for the first time. The district's finances were in the strongest position in years, and the district had developed a long-range strategic plan encompassing academic programming, assessment, community relations, finances, and facility updates and acquisitions. Upon his departure, the Kingfisher Times recognized his efforts in both a front-page article and an editorial lauding Grimes' leadership of Dover during his tenure.

Mr. Grimes is married to Lori. The Grimes have a blended family with two daughters, Peyton and Allison.

Mr. Grimes enjoys reading, traveling, attending concerts, and playing with his two dogs. He believes his coming to ASTEC is a continuation of his lifelong mission to improve the lives of children, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.

