



N'neka is an educator with over 20 years of experience in Elementary Education. Mrs. Taylor developed a passion for working with youth at a young age by observing her own mother teach Kindergarten, assisting her with grading papers, and adding creativity to her lessons and bulletin boards. Mrs. Taylor entered Clark-Atlanta University as a Biology major and pre-med students, but soon decided to change majors in order to follow in her mother's footsteps as an educator. She graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

In 2011, Mrs. Taylor attended Argosy to pursue a career in mental health counseling. Her matriculation at Argosy taught the importance of a holistic approach to improving the lives and behaviors of others. This, along with her passion for working with youth lead her to become founder and CEO of Girls with Purpose, Inc. Her nonprofit focused on improving the academic success of elementary-aged girls through mentoring activities so that they were ready to learn and use their skills to be successful in school and in the community.

Mrs. Taylor was introduced to STEM and Project-based Learning at Oakley Elementary School in Fulton County. She believed STEM and PBL were great ways to prepare students for the 21st century by sharpening students' critical-thinking skills, learning how to make judgements, and solving problems. By this time, Mrs. Taylor was an ELA teacher but was determined to learn how to incorporate ELA lessons into STEM practices and teach these strategies to other ELA teachers. Mrs. Taylor continued these practices of teaching and coaching later on at Michelle Obama STEM Academy to the present time. She has recently served on the STEM Leadership Team and helped the school become Cognia STEM Certified.

Other past and present leadership and experience include:

- Teacher Support Specialist
- Teacher Support Coach
- Gifted Education
- 90% ELA CRCT Pass Rate (2011)
- Highest ELA Growth (2017, 2020)
- Teacher of the Year Nominee (2019, 2020 and 2021)
- Social Studies Lead
- ELA Assessment Lead
- STEM Leadership Team
- Jr. Beta Club Sponsor
- Education Consulting
- Houghton-Mifflin Instructional Coach
- Active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In her personal life, Mrs. Taylor values family as coming first before everything and has always wanted a large family. Mrs. Taylor is married to her wonderful husband, Givenchy, and has 5 kids. Jalen is a rising sophomore at Albany State University where he majors in Art. Jared, who will be graduating a year early on a

full scholarship, will be attending Fort Valley State University. Her daughters Jordan and Hailey will be entering high school and Nivea will be entering first grade.