

[Dr. R. Scott Allen](#) comes to HSPVA well-grounded in the arts. He holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Texas State University with an emphasis on directing. From Sam Houston State University, Dr. Allen earned his master's and doctorate in educational administration. Before coming to HSPVA, Dr. Allen was the principal at Mildred Jenkins Elementary School in the Spring ISD and an assistant principal at Lakeland Elementary School in the Humble ISD. Dr. Allen's teaching experiences, with a focus on teaching speech and English and directing theatre, were shared between Hays High School (Hays Consolidated ISD), Calallen High School (Calallen ISD), and Humble High School (Humble ISD).

Dr. Allen's passion has always been the theatre first, even though he filled his high school years with concert and marching band, debate, speech, and choir. Specifically, he focused on stage managing and directing while at Texas State, and these passions resulted in his thesis project— directing a production of *The Shadow Box*. During his years of teaching high school, Dr. Allen spent two summers working in theatre in New York City. The highlight of this time was the opportunity to stage manage an off-Broadway production of August Strindberg's, *The Father*.

Dr. Allen has a distinguished professional resume. His service/membership include:

- Houston's Theatre District Board, 2015-Present
- Jack Kent *Coalition for Leaders of Advanced Student Success Cohort*, 2015-Present
- Sam Houston State University Distinguished Administrator of the Year Nominee, 2006, 2007, 2013
- HEB Excellence in Education State Secondary Principal of the Year, 2013
- Sam Houston State University Educational Leadership Doctoral Advisory Committee, 2010-Present
- Arts Schools Network, 2009-Present (Secretary, 2012-2013)
- University Interscholastic League (UIL) One-Act Play Advisory Committee, 2007-2009
- Texas Educational Theatre Association, 1992-Present (Secretary, 2012-2014)
- Texas Speech Communication Association (TSCA), 1992-2009 (President, 2000-2001)
- TSCA State Educator of the Year, 2001
- Arts Education Taskforce for the Texas Commission on the Arts, 2006-2008
- UIL Regional Supervisory Speech Committee, 2002-2004
- Adjudicator, UIL One-Act Play contests, 2000-Present

Dr. Allen is an avid reader and traveler. He first ran the Houston Marathon in 2008 and has completed five more marathons since that first 26.2 race. While he enjoys the variety present in Houston's arts community, he is a staunch supporter of the many theatre companies throughout the city. Gracie and Frankie, his golden retriever and miniature dachshund, provide the daily respite from this principal's diverse schedule.

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