

John Hiser received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Social Studies Education and his Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of New Orleans. He has been an educator for 40 years. Beginning at L.B. Landry as a Social Studies teacher for seven years, he then served as an assistant principal at F. W. Gregory for two years. For the past twenty four years he has served as the principal of Edna Karr. He has overseen several major changes at Karr since he became the school's principal: from district junior high to junior-senior magnet school during 1990-1993; and from junior-senior high magnet school to an open admissions high school in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The hallmark of his principalship, like those before him, has been academics and activities in the correct combination. Along the way Edna Karr earned the National Blue Ribbons for School of Excellence Award in 1999 and 2005. He is most proud of the work the Edna Karr faculty accomplished after Hurricane Katrina in getting Edna Karr back in operation for the boys and girls of New Orleans and their parents. He has been married for 39 years and has 2 children with his wife Valerie.