

# Dr. John Wright



Dr. John A. Wright is a seasoned educational leader with extensive experience in K–12 and higher education.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, and graduate of Sumner High School, he earned his B.A. from Harris Teachers College (now Harris-Stowe State University), and his M.Ed. and Ph.D. from Saint Louis University.

He completed postdoctoral studies as a Fulbright Scholar in India and pursued advanced study at Harvard University, Dartmouth College, and Loyola University Chicago. He also trained with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community Relations Division in Washington, DC.

Dr. Wright’s professional career spans roles from classroom teacher and principal in St. Louis to district-level leadership, including Assistant Superintendent in Ferguson-Florissant, Superintendent of Schools in Kinloch, and Interim Superintendent in both Normandy and St. Louis Public Schools. He also served as Director of Chapter I Funds and junior high assistant principal in Webster Groves. In addition, he has been an elected member of the University City Board of Education and the St. Louis County Board of Education, a Trustee of St. Louis Community College, and an adjunct instructor at Webster and Fontbonne Universities.

A recognized innovator, Dr. Wright organized the first Teachers’ and Principals’ Academy for the Private School Federation in Bangkok, Thailand, and established Missouri’s first pre-teacher training partnership between a school district and St. Louis Community College. He also led the minority recruitment initiative for St. Louis County school districts and organized the Missouri Education Policy Fellowship Program in collaboration with the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC.

An accomplished author of eighteen books on local history, Dr. Wright has received numerous honors for leadership, scholarship, and community service, reflecting a lifelong commitment to educational excellence and civic engagement.

