



OUR TEAM

AMANDA MILLER, M.Ed.

Lead Professional Learning Specialist



BIOGRAPHY

"School counselors are the heart of a school. They bring energy, passion, and purpose as they work with ALL students through a data-driven comprehensive school counseling program. I work to empower school counselors to see themselves as leaders in their schools. All students deserve to have a school counselor to support them during their school journey. We must be ready to meet this challenge through the delivery of a comprehensive model and positive relationships with our administrators and teachers."

Originally from Southern California, Amanda Miller has called Arizona home since 1994. She moved there to attend Arizona State University where she graduated with a B.A.E. in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English. She earned her M.Ed. in School Counseling from Northern Arizona University.

Amanda most recently served as the School Counselor Specialist at the Arizona Department of Education where her main role was supporting school counselors across the state through professional development and technical assistance. She speaks at the local, state, and national levels on the importance of a comprehensive school counseling program, the school counselor/administrator relationship, the role of a school counselor, and the implementation of career development supports. She is a huge advocate for Career and Technical Education and career development. During her almost 25-year career, she has served as an English teacher, High School Counselor, Department Chair, and District Level School Counselor Facilitator. Amanda was instrumental in advocating for the addition of over \$100 million dollars to expand the School Safety Grant in Arizona to provide funding for schools to add more school counselors.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2019 AzSCA Chair of the Board
- 2017-2019 AzSCA Assistant Chair of the Board
- 2017-2019 ACTEAZ Vice President of the Board
- 2016-2017 ACTEAZ Secretary of the Board
- 2015 ACTEAZ Fellows Graduate
- 2012 ACTEAZ CTE School Counselor of the Year

FUN FACTS

- Amanda loves to go "glamping" and relax at the river with her husband and four kids.
- Amanda loves her Arizona State Sun Devils so much that she named her chihuahua Sparky!
- Although Amanda was in choir in middle school and high school, she fully admits she is not a great singer but that doesn't stop her from thinking she can sing! Karaoke anyone?



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