

Akim Mansaray

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Endorsements

Admin and Supervision (PreK-12)
English as a Second Language (PreK-12)
Gifted Education
Music Education (Prek-12)

Education

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP | *RADFORD UNIVERSITY, RADFORD, VA 24142* |
EXPECTED END DATE: 2026

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION | *RADFORD UNIVERSITY,*
RADFORD, VA 24142 | *DEGREE AWARDED: AUGUST 2022*

Postgraduate Professional License

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DATA ANALYTICS) | *LONGWOOD*
UNIVERSITY, FARMVILLE, VA 23909 | *DEGREE AWARDED: MAY 2022*

BACHELOR OF MUSIC WITH CONCENTRATION IN EDUCATION | *LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY,*
FARMVILLE, VA 23909 | *DEGREE AWARDED: DECEMBER 2018*

Collegiate Professional License

Leadership/Administrative Experience

- **Assistant Principal** *October 2024-present Woodbrook Elementary*
- **Summer School Administrative Intern** *June-July 2023 Miles Jones Elementary*
 - Responsibilities included:
 - Creation of summer school master schedule
 - Supervision of instruction
 - Supporting school staff and providing student support
- **Board Member** *2023-2024 Richmond Education Association Board of Directors*
- **Task Force Member** *2022-2023 Richmond City School Board- Richmond Region LULAC Task Force*
 - **Data Subcommittee**
 - *Tasked with using data to identify barriers to Latino students/ELs and provide policy recommendations to address these barriers and increase support for this student population*
- **Data Manager** *2021-2024 School Based Intervention Team*
 - Organizing school data collection processes
 - Understanding the MTSS and Special Education processes
 - Gather insights from all specialists and perspectives involved to improve data collection methods
 - Data validation and processing
- **Selected Participant in:** *Eastman's School of Music Leadership Academy (Summer 2021)*
 - Highly selected, limited enrollment program for 25 music professionals
 - Course content covered:

- Identifying and analyzing critical issues and challenges facing music schools
- Demonstrating an understanding of the essential operational components of higher education administration
- Developing successful strategies for implementing initiatives designed to meet these challenges
- Exploring and implementing best practices for effective leadership in music schools
- Understanding the leader's role in fulfilling an institutional vision
- Developing skills for building, leading and engaging successful teams

Teaching Experience

- **Owner/Private Music Instructor** for ASM/Education-Sembu Sounds LLC. *Fall 2020-current*
 - *Music Ed-Talk with Akim Mansaray: A music education podcast centered on conversations with researchers, professors, and practitioners on musical topics. Created as a free tool for more current and accessible professional development.*
 - *Responsibilities include:*
 - Provide instruction to music students aged 5-16 in a private or semi-private lesson
 - Educational Music Events
 - Teaching students music theory, history, and composition; and the creation of assessments in these areas
 - Crafting unit plans and lesson plans that reflect a variety of areas including:
 - Congolese music
 - African American folk tunes
 - Spanish folk songs
 - Create curriculum aligned with state standards and student's individual development

- **Elementary Music Teacher/2021-2022 Teacher of the Year** at Southampton Elementary School (Richmond Public Schools)
 - *January 2019- May 2024*
 - *Responsibilities include:*
 - Creation of lesson plans, objectives and assessments of students that align with state and district standards
 - Editing and formatting asynchronous video lessons/instruction
 - Creation of cross-curricular lessons and collaborative units
 - Rehearse and instruct elementary choir, along with K-5 general music classes
 - Plan musical concerts and community musical events
 - Educate students in areas of vocal production and health
 - *Humanities Team Leader - (2021-present)*
 - *PTA Teacher Representative*
 - *Serving on the Superintendent's 2022 Teacher Advisory Council*
 - *School Webmaster*
 - *School Committee Organizer*
 - Organizing/providing videography staff wide events such as a Faculty Choir, Teacher Appreciation week presentations, "Southampton Reads" Virtual reading event, and Staff-Sing Along.
 - *Crossing Guard*

- **Music Specialist (Piano/Vocal/Ukulele)/Early Childhood Class Teacher** at Bach to Rock (Midlothian, VA)
 - *Spring 2019- Winter 2020*
 - *Responsibilities included:*

- Provided virtual and in-person instruction in music to early, middle, and high school aged students in a private or semi-private lesson
- Creation of unit plans that cover Black History/African-American Influence in music
- Crafting instruction for students with special needs.
- Teaching students music theory, history, and composition and the creation of assessments in these areas
- Tracking student growth through the proprietary LMS system used by Bach to Rock Inc.
- Directing small groups in playing, performing, and recording original and cover songs

Research/Volunteer Experience

- **Graduate Assistant** (2024-present) for Radford University's School of Teacher Education and Leadership
 - Creating and developing e-learning resources to help educational leaders analyze data
 - Data Visualization tutorials
 - Designing tools to investigate variation in process improvement
- **Richmond Public Schools' Multilingual Learner Success Advisory Council (MLSAC)** (2023-2024)
- **Communications Director** for *Richmond Region LULAC Council 4614* (2023-2024t)
 - Social Media content creation
 - Videography
 - Planning of community/advocacy events for Spanish speaking families
- **Co-presenter** *Targeted Tiered Interventions for Success (Professional Development)* (2022)
 - Co-presented and developed an online professional development for George Mason University pre-service education students discussing the implementation and data collection processes involved in the Response to Intervention framework.
- **Curriculum Developer/Presenter** (2021-present)
 - Developed and presenter of an arts integrated lesson sequence for Monacan High School's Humanities Specialty Program, focusing on the common themes between Impressionism in music and the arts. The basis of the curriculum was formed from knowledge gained in gifted education coursework, advocating for themes as the instructional connection. (January 2021)
- **Performance Assessment Music Consultant** for Carmen Scoring 2021-2022
 - Assisting in the development and implementation of a performance rubric used in a nationwide music assessment platform
 - Researching best assessment practices and suggesting improvements in current diagnostic tools
- **Big Brothers/Big sisters Mentor** (May 2020- May 2023)