

# SHAKIRA D. ABNEY-WISDOM

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## EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY • MAY 2026

Florida A&M University

*Florida Gubernatorial Fellow, Class XV  
Doctoral Candidate, ABD*

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION • JUNE 2017

University of Denver

*Ritchie Program for School Leaders, Class XIV*

MA, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION • AUGUST 2013

University of Denver

*Denver Teacher Residency, Cohort IV*

BS, BIOLOGY • MAY 2011

St. John's University

*Dean's List*

*Student Government, Incorporated*

## PRESENTATIONS

Pouring from a Full Cup: The Benefits of Facilitating Yoga and Socioemotional Learning with Teachers. 52<sup>nd</sup> NABSE Conference

Leveraging Role-alike, Affinity-based Cohort Learning. 52<sup>nd</sup> NABSE Conference

A Different World: Equipping Students for College Through Concurrent Enrollment Pathways. 53<sup>rd</sup> NABSE Conference

## CERTIFICATIONS

Principal (K-12) – Colorado

Secondary Science (6-12) – Colorado

200 Hour Registered Yoga Teacher

500 Hour Certified Yoga Teacher

## PROFILE

A dynamic, energetic, and detail-oriented educator, scholar, and leader with over fifteen years of experience across PK-20 teaching, school administration, policy, and government agency work. She cultivates responsive systems, fosters thriving communities, and empowers others to lead authentically.

## EXPERIENCE

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL • JUNE 2023 – JUNE 2025**

Denver School of the Arts • Denver Public Schools

- Established inaugural monthly data cycles for all Academics and Arts teachers during the 2023-2024 academic year. Protocols were refined with teacher feedback and implemented monthly to progress monitor student growth through the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Supported the development and implementation of the inaugural Middle School Student Council throughout the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Facilitated a five-part Gospel workshop series for 27 Vocal students in grades 8 through 10 and served as Guest Conductor and Featured Soloist in Winter Concert.
- Coordinated logistics for 84 school trips and excursions during the 2023-2024 academic year, involving 333 teachers and adult volunteers, including five trips out of state and one international trip.
- Served as the administrator on duty for the High School Orchestra's performance tour Italy in Rome, Florence, Montecatini Terme, and Venice. 80 students and chaperones attended.
- Produced the Annual Black History Show – an all-school, student-written production – increasing the cast size from 8 in 2023 to 16 in 2024 to 38 in 2025. Fundraised \$10,000 in February 2025.

**FOUNDING PRINCIPAL • JULY 2020 – JUNE 2023**

Robert F. Smith STEAM Academy • Denver Public Schools

- Designed a master schedule that facilitated concurrent enrollment courses, co-taught multilingual education and social studies courses, as well as Math and English with embedded Special Education support.
- 35% of students took concurrent enrollment courses during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years.
- Only Denver Public School High School to receive 100% of possible points for Post-Secondary Readiness on the School Performance Framework during the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Established partnerships with 30 community programs and national organizations, 10 of which provided instruction to students for High School Credit three times a week during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years.

**ADDITIONAL ROLES • JULY 2011 – JULY 2020**

*City Year Denver – Founding Corps Member*

*Denver Teacher Residency – Secondary Science Resident*

*Collegiate Prep Academy – Biology Teacher, Instructional Coach*

*North High School – Principal Resident*

*University of Denver – Adjunct Professor, Morgridge College of Education*

*Florida A&M University – Graduate Assistant*

*Mayoral Fellow – Office of the Mayor, City of Tallahassee*

*Florida Gubernatorial Fellow – Department of Juvenile Justice*