

Jeff Owens Bio

Jeff Owens became Principal/Athletic Director of MES in March 2008. Before that he served as Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for a year and a half.

Mr. Owens was born and raised in Marseilles. He attended Washington Grade School, the McKinley Annex, and Jr. & Sr. High Schools. Mr. Owens often jokes that all of these buildings are still standing as a testament to his attendance at these buildings. After graduating High School in 1983, he attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Mr. Owens graduated with a major in History, a minor in Political Science, and a 6-12 teaching certificate.

Mr. Owens began his teaching career at Camp Point Central; teaching 7-8 Social Studies and was the Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach. He spent 6 years there before becoming the sixth grade teacher at Milton Pope School in 1994. During the next 12 years he taught 6-8 social studies, Kindergarten and 1st grade PE, 6th grade English, Reading and Spelling. He also coached volleyball for 8 years.

In 2006, Mr. Owens became the Dean of Students and Athletic Director at Marseilles Elementary. In 2007, he received his Master's Degree from Aurora University in Educational Leadership and became Principal in 2008.

Mr. Owens is married and has 3 children that attend MES. He is proud to be an alumna of MHS and hopes to give the children of Marseilles the same great education that he received. Mr. Owens is also a 15-year veteran of the Marseilles Fire Protection District and has reached the rank of captain. In his spare time, Mr. Owens enjoys coaching his children's baseball and softball teams.

Mr. Owens is very proud of his hometown and is willing to go the extra mile to support it, by serving on numerous committees and boards. One of his educational beliefs is that it takes a community to raise a child and that the community and school need to work **together** to reach that goal.