

Dr. Joseph Cordero

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Joseph Cordero became the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Summit Public Schools in June 2022. Prior to this position, Dr. Cordero was the Principal of Jefferson Elementary School in Summit for five years, where he launched the first STEAM lab in the district, researched and presented professional development workshops on best educational practices, and assisted in creating and implementing an Anti-Racism/Social Justice Committee for administrators, principals, and teachers.

Dr. Cordero is an accomplished professional educator and administrator with a proven track record of successful leadership. Prior to Summit, Dr. Cordero served in the Jersey City Public School District for 15 years as a teacher, literacy coach, assistant principal, and principal at the elementary school level. He is experienced in and passionate about meeting the needs of at-risk students by creating safe, imaginative, and enriched learning cultures that help students achieve at their highest levels of success. Dr. Cordero has successfully coordinated statewide assessments and facilitated the analysis of district and state data in an effort to reform instructional practices and drive informed educational decisions.

Dr. Cordero received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Kean University, his Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from the University of Phoenix, and his Bachelor of Arts in Education from New Jersey City University.