Biography

Dr. Jeri Craig Cawthorn is the principal of Kemper County Lower Elementary School in Scooba, MS for PreK-3rd Grades. Dr. Cawthorn’s educational background includes a bachelor and master’s degree from Mississippi State University and a Doctorate of Education Degree from Delta State University. In 2016, Dr. Cawthorn graduated from MCCLA in Community College Leadership and also received the Henry Jacob Scholarship Award.

She has been with the Kemper County School District since 1993. Dr. Cawthorn piloted the first Pre-K program in January of 1994 teaching in this capacity until 2002. She also taught accelerated reading for three years before moving into an administrative position. From 2007-June 2020, Dr. Cawthorn served as the District Assessment and Technology Director. She also did contract work for the Mississippi Department of Education in the Office of Student Assessment from 2006-2010 and the Office of Student Achievement & Growth from 2009-2012.She has also served as a teacher intern supervisor for Mississippi State.

She and her husband recently celebrated 27 years of marriage in July. The Cawthorn’s live in De Kalb, MS and are the proud parents of two sons, Craig & Chase Cawthorn. Craig, 23, received his Bachelor of Science and Chemistry in May and is currently working with Emelia. Chase, 20, is a graduate of electrical technology from EMCC and works for Ratcliff Electrical Services.