



Victor's Story

Victor Sampson is a former classroom teacher, education researcher, and national leader in innovative instruction who has spent his entire career working to make learning meaningful for students and teaching sustainable for educators.

Victor began his career teaching middle and high school science, where he saw firsthand how powerful learning becomes when students are encouraged to explore ideas, ask questions, and make sense of the world. His experience in the classroom shaped his belief that students don't need to be filled with information — they need opportunities to think, create, problem-solve, and discover their own strengths.

After teaching, Victor became a university professor and researcher focused on how students learn and how teachers grow. He has published widely, led national research projects, and developed instructional materials used by school districts across the country, including here in Texas. His work centers on one guiding idea: students and teachers succeed when they are trusted, supported, and given meaningful work.

Victor also co-founded an educational company dedicated to helping teachers use research-based, innovative approaches to teaching science. Through this work, he has partnered with thousands of Texas educators and seen the incredible talent already in our schools - talent too often ignored by policymakers who have never taught a day in their lives.

Victor is running for the State Board of Education because he believes in the potential of Texas students, the professionalism of Texas teachers, and the power of schools rooted in belonging, curiosity, and creativity. He lives in Texas with his family and remains deeply committed to ensuring that every child grows up in a public school system that supports, inspires, and empowers them.

Victor Sampson for State Board of Education
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