

Sandy Spring Friends School Announces Appointment of Jesse Hardman as Head of Middle School

**JESSE
HARDMAN**

**HEAD OF
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



The Middle School Head Hiring Committee is excited to announce the appointment of Jesse Hardman as the new Middle School division head at SSFS. Jesse was selected after a nationwide search brought many excellent candidates to our campus. Jesse begins his role as Head of Middle School on July 1, 2025.

Jesse has been at the Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences in Barnesville, MD, since 2018, where he began as a Middle School Math Teacher and Lead Eighth Grade Teacher before becoming Barnesville's Assistant Head of School in 2023.

Jesse earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore College, where he was a Fulbright Scholar and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his Secondary Education Certification at Johns Hopkins University and his Master's in Education at Clemson University.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP (EXCERPTS)

"To have a positive impact, educational leaders must work collaboratively to foster a culture of courage within the school community. Educational leaders who model this courage motivate each constituency in the school community to embrace empathy, take intellectual risks, and advocate for greater equity, justice, and belonging so that people are safe, seen, heard, and supported.

Educational leaders play a pivotal role in helping all constituencies in the school community find the courage to look beyond what is familiar and comfortable in order to understand the experiences of a diverse community, implement equitable practices, and empower students, fellow educators, and families/caregivers to work together to uphold those values that foster belonging: open-mindedness, curiosity, empathy, respect, accountability, and advocacy."

EDUCATION

- MEd, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- Secondary Education Certification, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- BA, Skidmore College, Sarasota Springs, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023–2025 - Assistant Head of School, Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences
- 2018–2023 - Math Teacher and Lead 8th Grade Teacher, Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences
- 2017–2018 - Middle School Math Teacher, KIPP Ujima Village Academy, AmeriCorps
- 2015–2017 - Fulbright U.S. Student Program, English Teaching Assistant in Hanover and Pattensen, Germany