

# Miguel A. Cardona

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## *Educational Experience:*

<b>Executive Leadership: 093 Superintendent Certification</b> University of Connecticut, Summa Cum Laude	2012
<b>Doctorate in Educational Leadership</b> University of Connecticut, Summa Cum Laude	2011
<b>Sixth Year Certificate: Educational Leadership</b> University of Connecticut; Summa Cum Laude	2004
<b>M.A. Ed. Bilingual Bicultural Education</b> University of Connecticut; Summa Cum Laude	2000
<b>B.A. Science: Teacher Certification, Minor: Fine Arts</b> Central Connecticut State University; Magna Cum Laude	1997

## *Career Experience:*

<b>Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – Meriden Board of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oversee the instruction, teaching, leadership development and evaluation, and curriculum for approximately 9000 students and a staff of 1000</li><li>Build capacity in district to view educators as greatest lever for equity</li><li>Conduct leadership development through systematic professional learning opportunities</li><li>Facilitate the District Leadership Team through aligned goals setting from the Board goals to classroom goals</li><li>Coordinate Curriculum Committee meetings with the Board of Education</li><li>Leverage the performance and evaluation process as a tool for professional growth and development</li><li>Serve as a liaison to the greater Meriden community and State Commissions</li></ul>	2015-Present
<b>Adjunct Professor—University of Connecticut</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teach courses on leadership ranging from school improvement to culture and climate</li><li>Develop syllabi that connect theory and research to practice in urban education</li></ul>	2014-Present
<b>Performance Evaluation Specialist – Meriden Board of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed systems and structures in collaboration with labor groups to implement the Meriden Teacher Evaluation and Development Plan for teachers and SEED for administrators</li><li>Trained district certified personnel in the evaluation plan, developing and aligning goals, and using the technology-based operating system</li><li>CT Professional Evaluation Advisory Committee (PEAC) member</li></ul>	2013-2015
<b>Principal, Hanover Elementary School – Meriden Board of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>With a committed team, produced amongst the district highest achievement gains in literacy and numeracy</li><li>Served as instructional leader to an Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 School with approximately 550 students including 100 bilingual students and 85 staff members</li><li>Collaborated with teachers, staff, and parents through the use of observation, assessment, and behavioral data, to provide a safe and challenging academic program for all students</li></ul>	2003-2013
<b>Art Curriculum Supervisor – Meriden Board of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collaborated with art teachers to provide a meaningful art education program for all Meriden students</li><li>Developed and revised the K-12 Art Curriculum for Meriden Public Schools</li><li>Planned professional development opportunities for teachers related to their discipline</li></ul>	2004-2013

### *Professional Associations:*

- Connecticut Legislation Achievement Gap Task Force, Co-Chair
- Connecticut Early Childhood Birth to Grade Three Leaders, Co-Chair
- Connecticut Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, Vice President
- Alma Exley Scholarship Board Selection Committee
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)
- Connecticut Health Network Foundation, Board of Directors
- Connecticut Technical High School Foundation, Board of Directors
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Meriden Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors: Past Vice President
- Meriden Hispanic Foundation, Board of Directors and former Treasurer
- Meriden Puerto Rican Festival Committee, Vice Chair
- Meriden/Wallingford Chrysalis Domestic Violence Services, Board of Directors
- Meriden/Wallingford United Way, Board of Directors
- National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
- Police Chief's Advisory Panel: Meriden Police Department

### *Achievements/Related Experiences:*

- Governor's Appointment to the Education Planning Commission
- Presenter: CSDE From Compliance to Coherence Conference
- Presenter: CEA Leadership Conference
- Keynote Speaker: CCSU New Haven Community Action-Based Summit
- Presenter, CAPSS/CABE Annual Conference on TEVAL Rollout
- Connecticut State Department of Education Transition Community of Practice
- Keynote Speaker: USD #2 Convocation
- Mayor's Appointee to Task Force on Undocumented Children
- Commission on Children Honoree Recognition
- Facilitator at AFT Connecting the Dots Conference in Houston
- CT Association of Schools Presenter
- Keynote Speaker: CAS/CSDE Principals' Leadership Series
- Presenter: UCONN Diversity in Education Banquet
- Meriden Association of Administrators, Vice President
- Meriden Back to School Expo Keynote Speaker
- CCSU Keynote Speaker: Student Teacher Completion Reception
- Life Space Crisis Intervention, trained and certified
- Co-Founder, Meriden Coalition for Educational Excellence, (MCfEE)
- Presenter, UCONN Leadership Summit

### *Honors:*

- UCONN Distinguished Leader Award, 2018
- NAACP Education Award, 2015
- First 100 Plus Leaders Award – CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2015
- Connecticut Parent Power Exemplary Education Hero Award, 2015
- National Distinguished Principal 2012: Connecticut Association of Schools
- Outstanding Administrator Award 2012: UCONN Alumni Association
- Orgullo Latino Award 2012: Meriden Puerto Rican Festival Committee
- ConnCAN Award to Hanover School: Top 10 Schools in Performance Gains in CT, 2011
- Meriden Chamber of Commerce Shining Star Award, 2009
- Connecticut State Board of Education, Alumni of the Year, Wilcox High School, 2006

### *References:*

- Dr. Mark Benigni, Superintendent of Schools, Meriden
- CT State Representative Hilda Santiago
- Dr. Dianna Wentzell, CT Commissioner of Education
- Dr. Casey Cobb, UCONN Education Leadership Program Chairperson

### *Articles*

- District Administration – April 2015 – *Unleashing Students from the Grip of Poverty* Meriden
- District Administration – January 2016 – *Collaborating to Close the Gap: Connecticut's Story*
- National School Board Association – March 18, 2016 – *Raising the Bar*
- Perspective – November 2016/January 2017 – *Meeting the Needs of our Students: Creating a Diverse Teaching Staff*
- TEACH Connecticut – *Teaching Is an Extension of Your Life's Purpose*  
<https://connecticut.teach.org/articles/teaching-extension-your-lifes-purpose>