

Principal's Message

Welcome to DeRidder High School, home of the "Mighty Dragons." The saying, "Excellence is the product of hard work and extra effort that makes the difference between an acceptable job and an exceptional job," carries with it a powerful meaning. With this thought in mind, I challenge you to Discover, Develop, and Dedicate.

Discover- DeRidder High students are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom to discover themselves.

Develop- DeRidder High will provide an environment that encourages students to develop into well rounded young adults. Small class sizes, the ability to participate in more than one sport, and emphasis on participating in activities outside the classroom are the hallmarks of our school.

Dedicate- DeRidder High students are expected to dedicate themselves to achieving their potential. Students must manage busy schedules, keep up with class work and face the same challenges as the rest of students in high school.

My professional career in education began in January 2000. I spent seven years at DeRidder Junior High School as a teacher and coach. In 2007 I became the assistant principal of discipline at DeRidder High School. In 2016 I became the principal of DHS. I hold degrees from Southern Arkansas University (B.S.E.), Southern University A&M College (M.Ed.), and a 30+ certification from the University of New Orleans. I am married to Shamika Spikes-Hooker, a DHS alumna. In addition, I have a son, Harry Hooker III, and nephew, Kyle Hooker, both who are 2017 DeRidder High graduates.

As your principal, I am here to assist you in every way possible to make your high school career a great success. If you have any concerns or just want to visit, feel free to stop by my office or catch me when we're out and about.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Hooker

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Principal