

Helen V. Griffith, Ed.D.

Executive Director



Helen V. Griffith, Ed.D. is the inaugural executive director of The Preuss School UC San Diego. Most recently Griffith was the founding executive director and CEO of e3 Civic High, a public charter high school located in the San Diego Central Public Library, a role which she has held since 2012. Griffith has over 20 years of experience as an educator and principal, specializing in leadership development, school transformation and educational entrepreneurship.

Prior to joining e3 Civic High, Griffith served as dean of students at Crawford High School, vice principal at Lincoln High School and founding principal of Millennial Tech Middle School. In recognition of her transformational work, Griffith has received numerous professional honors, including Outstanding Woman Leader in the field of Education, 79th District, by the California State Assembly in 2018 and Educator of the Year from the California League of Middle Schools in 2010. In addition, she was also invited by Congresswoman Susan Davis to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Summit on Teacher Diversity sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education in 2016.

Griffith earned a bachelor's degree in communication from UC San Diego, a master's degree in educational technology and doctorate in educational leadership from San Diego State University.