



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

K-12 EDUCATION

Mr. Thomas Weightman, B.S. in Physical Education (1957) and M.S. in Education (1961)



Thomas E. Weightman received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Florida State and continued his post-graduate studies at the University of Florida and University of South Florida. His teaching career began at Gulf High School where he served as Basketball and Football Coach, Athletic Director, Dean of Students, and Assistant Principal. He later served as Principal of Cypress Elementary and Gulf Junior High.

Weightman was elected Superintendent of Schools in Pasco County from 1974-1996.

He was named Florida's School Superintendent of the year for 1986-87. He held the office of Superintendent for 22 years -- the longest anyone in Florida has continuously held that position.

Weightman culminated his career as CEO of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Following his retirement, Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Board of Trustees for Pasco Hernando Community College where he served for eight years. In 2004, Weightman was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of School Administrators.

His mother was a teacher and expressed to him when he was young that she would like him to become a teacher one day. She told him there was no profession more honorable than teaching.