

About Mr. Martel:

Mr. Martel was born in Beaumont Texas and grew up in the rice farming/ranching community of Nome, Texas. He worked in his dad's welding shop as a welder, helper & mechanic while attending Hardin – Jefferson High School in Sour Lake, Texas. Mr. Martel earned 13 varsity letters while competing on the Hawk Football, Basketball, Track and Baseball teams. Mr. Martel begins his 32nd year in public education. Mr. Martel currently holds a Texas Superintendent Certification and Principal certification. He has a Masters degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Lamar University. He has taught science and coached at Kountze ISD, Seminole ISD, Livingston ISD and Diboll ISD, he also served as Asst. Principal on two different occasions at Diboll High School. He served 6 years as a successful Athletic Director / Head Coach at Anahuac ISD and 2 years as a successful Athletic Director / Head Coach at Diboll ISD. Mr. Martel worked for a total of 17 years in Diboll ISD as a teacher, coach, administrator, and bus driver. He served as Superintendent of schools in Diboll ISD for 8 years before becoming Superintendent in Moody ISD on June 15, 2016.

Mr. Martel is married to the former Susan Kay Flanakin of Silsbee. Susie is a former Tiger cheerleader and Silsbee High School graduate. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin and is a successful 4th grade math teacher at Moody Elementary. They have been married for 34 years and they have two beautiful daughters: Kendal (31) an Anahuac High school graduate and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, Kayla (27) a Diboll High School graduate and a graduate of Baylor University. Kendal works in Portland Oregon as a Forest Program Associate and Kayla is a Speech Language Pathologist for the Gatesville ISD. Kayla is married to Adam Mary a Lieutenant in the Waco fire department and they have a 2 year old son Luke and are expecting a baby girl in early August 2018. Adam and Kayla live in the Grove community near Moody.

Mr. Martel has won numerous awards for community and civic service. He currently works with the Moody Library Advisory committee and also is part of the Moody Better Day group that promotes community projects to beautifying Moody Texas. He was appointed to the Texas Rural Schools Task Force in 2016 by TEA Commissioner Mike Morath and also will be serving his second term on the State U.I.L. Executive Committee representing UIL Conference AA schools in Texas. Mr. Martel and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Moody. Mr. Martel is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys spending time with his family along with reading, cooking, gardening, camping, hunting and fishing.