

HEAD OF SCHOOL BIO

Deborah K. Monroe • TASIS Dorado Head of School

Over the course of her career, Deborah K. Monroe has acquired a broad range of experience as a school leader by serving in various administrative positions and as a teacher in the Lower, Middle, and Upper School divisions in four premier PK – 12 institutions. Over the last 29 years, Deborah has successfully built innovative college preparatory programming while also ensuring a robust socio-emotional curriculum for students. Advocating for leadership opportunities and inclusion has also been an enormous part of Deborah's work as she fundamentally believes that independent schools are a vital training ground for compassionate global citizenship.

Deborah began her career in education as a Spanish language and literature teacher and World Languages Department Chair at St. John's School in Houston, Texas. Upon moving to Los Angeles, she served as Director of Upper School at Viewpoint School and subsequently at The Buckley School. Before arriving at TASIS Dorado, Deborah served as Associate Head of School at Sierra Canyon School in California. During her tenure at these schools, Deborah partnered with the Advancement Offices to secure funding for visual and performing arts centers, new libraries and classrooms, robotics and world languages labs, a college counseling suite, and athletic facilities.

In addition to her work spearheading curriculum initiatives in Global Studies, Human Development and multiple academic disciplines, she developed a Life Skills and Leadership course, all-school service-learning partnerships with local schools and non-for-profit entities, promoted health, wellness, and safety initiatives, created STEM and Computer science programming electives and implemented Honor Councils and a Peer Mentoring program.

Ms. Monroe holds a B.A. in Sociology and an M.A. in Spanish Literature from Texas A&M University. In addition, she has completed doctoral coursework in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas at Austin. She also studied at the University of Guadalajara and the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education in Mexico. A three-time recipient of Fulbright Teaching and Administrative Fellowships to Spain, Mexico, and Argentina, Deborah recently completed the National Association of Independent School's Fellowship for Aspiring Heads of School. On a personal note, Deborah and her husband Adam are proud parents of twin boys, Micah and Jonah, joining the TASIS Dorado class of 2028.

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