

Asia Klekowicz, Superintendent, Co-Founder, Co-CEO of Gathering Place Charter School



Asia Klekowicz (M. Ed) joined the movement for educational equity after witnessing the injustice of the school-to-prison pipeline while tutoring inmates in Boston. She joined Teach for America-Memphis and led her students to achieve 2.5 years of growth, ranking in the highest percentiles across the state. She transitioned to developing high school math teachers across Chicago where she was the only coach in her organization to be recognized for excellence by every teacher in her cohort. She later ventured into the financial sector where she worked as an investment consultant, managing a \$536 million book and became the fastest promoted employee in the region.

Later, at RePublic Schools, she co-created and scaled a project-based Charter School program from 250 students to 10,000+ students across 8 states in middle and high school. Her work also resulted in the largest district-charter partnership in Nashville history, bringing RePublic's Charter School program to all district middle schools. From there, she, along with her co-founder Ryan York, founded The Gathering Place, a school rooted in arts and social justice here in San Antonio. The school currently serves grades kinder through 3rd and will add a grade each year.