

**JACK MCBRIDE**

Acting Executive Director, Writers in the Schools  
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Jack McBride is the Acting Executive Director of Writers in the Schools and has served on the WITS staff since 2004. With nearly 20 years of nonprofit administration and arts education experience, he is passionate about strategy, collective impact, and ways in which organizations working together can increase impact in the Houston arts community. As someone who benefited greatly from growing up in an arts-rich and book-rich home, he is keenly aware how the arts can influence a young person's education and career paths.

As Acting Executive Director at WITS, he works closely with staff to develop and design creative writing school programs, collaborations with community organizations, and teaching opportunities for creative writers. He is responsible for the organization's operations and fundraising; engaging funders and community stakeholders; creating and developing relationships with schools, museums, hospitals, and other organizations; internal staff management and communication; and writer and staff recruiting and training. Jack serves as the WITS representative for many community partnerships and collective impact initiatives, including Arts Connect, and he serves on the Arts Connect Leadership Council and the board of directors for Equality Texas. Jack has a B.A. in art history and Spanish from Trinity University and a Masters in Nonprofit Administration from the University of Notre Dame.