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Adelric McCain has committed himself to creating and sustaining the healthiest and most liberating school experiences for all young people. Currently, Adelric is a Transition Success Coach and a Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Facilitator with the Network for College Success at the University of Chicago (NCS). Adelric provides direct coaching support to school-based leaders within Chicago and across the country, as well as, facilitates professional development and trainings from instruction and team development to equity.



Very early in his college career, Adelric knew he wanted to become an educator. He was accepted into the Benjamin E. Mays Teacher Scholar Program at Morehouse College, which provided numerous opportunities to explore deeper pedagogical aspects of the profession. After his first year in college, Adelric spent a summer working with education thought leaders, Dr. Lisa Delpit and Dr. Asa Hilliard, along with other practicing and pre-service educators at the Peachtree Urban Writing Project. It was this pivotal experience and ongoing mentorship from such leaders that solidified Adelric's understanding that educators are not just responsible for facilitating content and skills; a teacher is responsible for nurturing and developing the self-identity of young people.

Prior to educational coaching, Adelric worked for 12 years as a public high school teacher-leader in Boston and Chicago. In Chicago, he taught humanities, history, and English to students in south and west side communities. Over the course of his career, Adelric has had unique, broad-based educational positions. He has served as the Coalition of Essential School's Small Schools Project Coordinator and a Teacher Leadership Team member with Facing History and Ourselves.

Adelric graduated from Morehouse College earning a Bachelor's of Art Degree in U.S. History and Sociology, and a Master of Arts in Teaching, History, from Tufts University, School of Education. He also holds National Board Certification in Social Studies/History. Adelric has been featured on NPR and regularly speaks and lectures about educational equity, locally and nationally. Adelric is married to an active civil rights attorney and has one 5-year-old daughter. The whole family is made up of avid sports fans and book lovers.