



**TABETHA COX**  
DIRECTOR OF TUTORING

Tabetha joined the READ USA team in October 2021, as the Director of Tutoring. Tabetha grew up in California and was emancipated from the foster care system at the age of 16. Since then, her focus has been lifelong learning and seeking a highly literate world for children in poverty. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Tabetha served 7 years on active duty as a Military Police Officer and Trainer. Serving before, during, and after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, she played an integral role in the training, preparation, and upscaling of physical security, anti-terrorism, and force protection measures both stateside and overseas. She met her husband, Josh, during dual service in Italy

After her service, Tabetha earned a Bachelor's in Teaching from Pensacola State College, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from University of Phoenix. She has covered various roles throughout Escambia and Duval County Public Schools including Pre-K through 4th grade classroom teacher, Reading Coach, and mentor teacher to interns and college level educators, all in Title 1 schools. She was awarded teacher of the year at Sadie T. Tillis in 2018 and earned a spot as a top 5 finalist for Duval's teacher of the year. In addition, she has served on the Duval Literacy Association Board since 2014 and is the current Vice President.

Her family is her greatest joy, and her home is never quiet. Tabetha and Josh have 10 children, some who joined their family through adoption. They have seven daughters: Hayley, Audrey, Patience, Desarae, Julie, Sydney, and Kaitlyn; and three sons: Corbin, Kenneth, and Connor. Obviously, the girls rule the house! Her husband, Josh, is a Senior Chief who works for Navy Region Southeast Security Inspection Team. Their family loves movie nights, board games, baseball, and soccer. Mrs. Cox reads at least an hour a day and believes that reading is the key to freedom and choice. She earned her BS from Auburn University and her MBA from the University of West Florida.