

Darryl J. Ford has been Head of School at William Penn Charter School since 2007. Under his leadership, the school has expanded programs, opening a pre-kindergarten, the Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts, and the Center for Public Purpose; added Mandarin Chinese and IdeaLabs; and built new and improved athletic facilities. The Graham Athletics & Wellness Center will open for the 2021-2022 school year, and breaking ground on the construction of a new lower school is anticipated for summer 2022. These projects will complete a campus transformation, resulting in a new Academic Village at Penn Charter.

Ford's former roles include Director of Middle School at Penn Charter as well as Head and Executive Director of St. Gregory's Episcopal School in Chicago. Ford's current board service includes AIM Academy and Cliveden of the National Trust. Prior board service includes Villanova University, Friends Council on Education, Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools, Steppingstone Scholars, and Pennsylvania Association of Independent School's Commission on Accreditation. Ford is an art collector, plays the piano and organ at his church, and is an avid sports fan of the Philadelphia Phillies, Eagles, and Villanova basketball.

Ford holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Chicago as well as a B.A. and B.S. from Villanova University and is an alumnus of Friends Select School.

He and his wife, Dr. Gail Sullivan, and their sons reside in East Falls, Philadelphia.