Dr. Alicia Thompson's tenure as superintendent of Wichita Public Schools began formally on July 1, 2017. Being a native of Wichita, Kansas, Dr. Thompson is no stranger to its community or school district.

Beginning her educational journey at Carter Elementary School, Dr. Thompson went on to attend Chisholm Trail Elementary School, Brooks Middle School, and graduated from Heights High School as a proud Falcon. She obtained her post-secondary education from Langston University, Newman University, and ultimately received her Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Wichita State.

From her first assignment as a teacher at Ingalls Elementary (now Spaght Magnet), to building-level and district-level leadership, to her current role as Superintendent, Dr. Thompson has demonstrated her commitment to Kansas' largest school district by her proclivity for excellence, her drive for fairness and equitability, and her passion for the academic success of all students.

Embracing the significance of professional and community networking, Dr. Thompson participates in several community organizations and boards including the Wichita Chamber Board of Directors, United Way of the Plains Board of Directors, and the Greater Wichita Partnership and Business Education Alliance. She also serves on the WSU School of Education Leadership Advisory Board, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and The Links, Inc.

Numerous honors and recognitions received by Dr. Thompson include the Wichita Business Journal's Leadership in Diversity Award, the Martin Luther King Education Award from the Urban League of Kansas, and the NAACP Education Award, to name a few.

Dr. Thompson and her husband Reggie, a West High Pioneer, have two children – a daughter who graduated from Northeast Magnet, and a daughter who is currently in middle school.