

**Dr. Jane Rhyne**  
**Assistant Superintendent for Exceptional Children**

Dr. Jane Rhyne brings the power of training and the passion of commitment to her role as assistant superintendent, programs for exceptional children in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

As assistant superintendent, Dr. Rhyne is the district's top advocate for children with learning or other disabilities. Both her education and her experience have prepared her for this responsibility.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Rhyne graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, with a degree in teacher education. She also holds a master's degree and a doctorate in education with a focus on special education. Both were received from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Dr. Rhyne began her career in Fairfax County, Virginia, as a special-education teacher and became that district's program specialist for visually impaired students. She joined Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in 1981 as an assistant principal at Metro School, and in 1984 she became the area coordinator for exceptional children programs.

She returned to Metro School for two years as principal before becoming the coordinating director of exceptional children programs in 1993. In 2001, she was named an assistant superintendent.

In addition to her work in the district, Dr. Rhyne has also testified before Congress on No Child Left Behind, children with disabilities and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Queens University in Charlotte and Appalachian State University in Boone.

She is the author of several articles published on educating children with disabilities, and has been recognized as an outstanding administrator by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council for Exceptional Children and won the state Special Education Administrator Award of the Council for Administrators of Special Education.