

**Hugh Hattabaugh**  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Hugh E. Hattabaugh has been chief operating officer for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools since October of 2008. He first came to CMS in July of 2007, when he served as area superintendent of the North Learning Community.

Prior to joining CMS, Hattabaugh was deputy superintendent of the Little Rock School District in Arkansas.

Hattabaugh earned a bachelor's degree in biology (with a minor in health education) in 1972 from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He coached and taught science at North Del Middle School in Muncie before returning to his hometown of Salem, Ind., to teach biology and coach football, basketball and track at Salem High School. In 1976, he completed his master's degree in secondary education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

In 1986, he and his family moved to Orlando, Fla., where he taught science and then became an administrative dean at Meadowbrook Middle School in Orange County. In 1992, Hattabaugh completed his educational leadership certification at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and was named assistant principal of Southwest Middle School.

From 1993 to 1998, Hattabaugh served as principal of Lakeview Middle School in Winter Garden, Fla. From 1998 to 2005, he was principal of William R. Boone High School in Orlando.

He has won multiple awards for excellence in educational leadership. He is an assessor in leadership development and assessment for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Hattabaugh is married with two daughters. One daughter teaches elementary school and the other recently graduated from Rollins College in Florida. He has three grandchildren.