

Kelly Gwaltney
East Zone Superintendent

Kelly W. Gwaltney's connection to CMS stretches back to her childhood – she attended CMS schools from kindergarten on and is a graduate of Olympic High School in CMS – and into the present in her role as leader of the East Zone.

“I have experienced CMS as a student, a teacher, a principal and an administrator,” Dr. Gwaltney said. “It’s given me a great perspective, especially in recognizing that one of the greatest things about this district is its history and its diversity. At CMS, there are no limits to how far a student can go – and our job is to not only teach them, but inspire them to reach for the stars.”

Dr. Gwaltney, a native of Charlotte, began her career as a math teacher in Gaston County. She worked as an assistant principal and principal in Gaston and Lincoln counties before moving to CMS in 2009 as principal at Mallard Creek High. She was named zone superintendent for the East Zone in 2011.

Dr. Gwaltney holds an Ed. D. in educational leadership from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. She earned a master’s degree in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her bachelor’s degree is in mathematics-secondary education from Appalachian State University. She was named principal of the year in Gaston County in 2005-2006, and also was a North Carolina Teaching and Principal fellow.