

Ann Blakeney Clark



Ann Blakeney Clark is currently the chief academic officer for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, leading the district's curriculum and instruction and overseeing area superintendents and school principals. She has been with the district since 1983, when she joined the district as a teacher of behaviorally and emotionally handicapped children.

Clark has an extensive background in CMS. She has been a principal at elementary, middle and high schools. She has also served as associate superintendent of education services and regional superintendent.

A native of Greensboro, Clark holds a master's degree in special education from the University of Virginia. She also earned administrator, curriculum and supervision certification from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is a graduate of Davidson College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English. She has also received an honorary degree from Davidson. Clark's achievements have been recognized locally, regionally and nationally.

She is a Broad Superintendent Fellow, a 2010 graduate of the Broad Superintendent Academy, a First Lady of Charlotte and received the Thomas Jefferson Distinguished Alumnae Award from the University of Virginia. She has been recognized nationally as principal of the year (1994) and has also been North Carolina's principal of the year. She was named a William Friday Fellow by the state of North Carolina.

In addition to her work with CMS, Clark serves on multiple community boards, including Communities in Schools, Children's Theatre, the Davidson College Board of Visitors, Smart Start and the Levine Museum of the New South.