

2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

**DR. KATHY REVIS**

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Dr. Kathy Revis' impactful leadership and strive for better education have influenced change in Henderson County for the better. Dr. Revis' mentorship of hundreds of HCPS educators and efforts for the county in the forms of programs, schools, and assessments have earned her regional and state awards. She has implemented major starts on initiatives that have helped students achieve their academic goals and get started on furthering their education.

In the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for 19 years (1998-2017), Dr. Revis had begun a streak of scores within the top 8 districts in North Carolina on every student performance assessment. As well as this incredibly impressive achievement, Revis also implemented a K-5 literacy framework and K-12 instructional framework across the district that is continually used today. Dr. Revis served as a major example to other educators as she placed a focus and level of expectation of principles to monitor daily student learning with an applied emphasis on instructional walk-throughs and provided teachers with formative feedback. For further teacher training, she carried out a two-day Beginning Teacher Summer Institute and a two-day New Teacher to Henderson County Summer Institute. Leading a collaborative team in designing and starting the Henderson County Early College School, Revis has given countless chances for students to get a headstart on deeper education. In those same efforts, she initiated the first high school Project Lead the Way STEM program in the Western Region as well.

Dr. Revis began the curriculum calendars for all tested subjects in grades K-12, which included writing, to provide scope, sequence, and pacing for teachers and their respective courses of study. Additionally, she administered multiple formative benchmark assessments in grades 3-10 tested students in order for educators to easily be able to discern student performance statistics to use for individualized or small group interventions. Moreover, under Revis' leadership, Instructional Coach positions were implemented, which are considered crucial to the support of teacher retention and improvement through job-embedded professional development. In addition, Dr. Revis initiated preschool transition teams in each elementary school and worked with community organizations to begin the community Kindergarten Readiness Rally. In her efforts to improve teaching instruction for students with disabilities, she began the co-teaching inclusion model for educators of that instruction.

Dr. Revis served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and instruction (1998-2017), Director of Secondary and Gifted Education (1997-1998), Principal of West Henderson High School (1993-1996), Principal of Tuxedo Elementary School (1992-1993), Assistant Principle of East Henderson High School (1991-1992), and Assistant Principle of West Henderson High School (1987-1991.)

Under Dr. Revis' direction, HCPS was awarded grants for Early College High School, Workforce Investment Act for Dropout Recovery, Homeless Education, Reading Foundations, Childhood Obesity Grant, and Reading 3D Grant.

HCPS High School Director, Caroline Patterson says, "Dr. Revis is an educator who has made her mark on the lives of countless teachers and students in Henderson County." The impact Dr. Kathy Revis has made on Western North Carolina schools will be felt forever.