

Teacher Position, No. 3 Biographies

ID #21 - Dr. Kathy McCool is beginning her 23rd year in the Baldwin County School System. She has been an elementary teacher for 14 years and is beginning her 9th year as the Curriculum Coach at Foley Elementary School. Dr. McCool has also been an adjunct professor at the University of South Alabama in the Professional Studies and Leadership Department. Dr. McCool earned her B.A. from Oakland University, her M.Ed. from the University of South Alabama, and a Ph.D. in Instructional Design from the University of South Alabama. She was chosen as the Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year. Dr. McCool was selected by the University of South Alabama College Of Education as corecipient of the Excellence in Teacher Award for Outstanding Innovation. Foley Elementary faculty honored her with Teacher of the Year. Dr. McCool is a member of the Administration Leadership Team that writes the Continuous Improvement Plan and oversees the expenditures of local money and Title 1 funds, with a budget of approximately \$800,000. She also interviews and makes recommendations for all personnel. Dr. McCool is an active member in many professional organizations. She is a lector and member of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Foley.

ID #22 - Ms. Charlene McCoy, the incumbent, is a resident of Gadsden. She has worked 25 years as a teacher in the Etowah County School System and 10 years as Adjunct Instructor at Gadsden State Community College. She currently serves on the TRS Board of Control, as NEA Director, and on the Etowah County Executive Board. Ms. McCoy has a Bachelors Degree in Biology from Jacksonville State University, and a Masters and Education Specialist Degree in Biology from the University of Alabama. Prior to teaching, Ms. McCoy worked in the medical field and witnessed the results of having good insurance versus poor insurance. She is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the National Association of Biology Teachers. She served as President of the Etowah Education Association for 3 terms. Ms. McCoy was voted Etowah County Teacher of the Year in 2007. She has won numerous awards for Environmental Education, including the Alabama Power Teacher Grant (3), Alabama Pals State Award Class Project (5), Keep Etowah Beautiful Class Project ~10 years, and "Best Class Project 1990." She is the mother of two daughters and has two grandchildren.
