

Vita

LINDA F. POOLE, Ph.D.

Dr. Linda F. Poole served as a public educator in the State of Delaware for 37 years. Her sixteen years of teaching experience include preschool education in Philadelphia, through post-graduate lectures in surrounding universities. Subject matter taught by Dr. Poole includes elementary curriculum, middle school English/Language arts, middle and high school science, and college level educational leadership topics.

Dr. Poole began her administrative career as a Science Coordinator where she initiated a District Science Resource Center and offered extensive professional development emphasizing the improvement of elementary science education. As a District Supervisor of Elementary Education, she created a model public preschool program for four year olds and also developed a research-based program for talented and gifted students. Dr. Poole chaired curriculum evaluation committees and implemented best practice curricula with on-going, supportive professional development for teachers, administrators and parents.

From 1987 through 1994, Dr. Poole served as a principal earning local, state, regional and national recognitions during her administration. These awards included NCTE honoring a school-wide Language Arts/Writing Program, the Department of Interior's "Take Pride in America" Award, and work with At Risk Youth. Her creation of a Remediation-Enrichment-Monitoring Program met the instructional ranges of gifted learners to those with disabilities. She also implemented inclusion of multiply handicapped students within regular classrooms years prior to this becoming a more common practice.

From 1994 until her retirement in 2005, Dr. Poole was the Executive Director for Academics for the Colonial School District, New Castle, Delaware. She was responsible for standards-based reform of kindergarten through twelfth grade, curriculum development and the accompanying professional development of 750+ teachers and administrators. The professional development research-based model she implemented received two national recognitions, the Federal Title VI and the AASA Leadership in Learning Award. Dr. Poole administered over six million dollars of federal and state programs, which have been recognized with such honors as Distinguished Schools Award and the State of Delaware's Home-School Partnership Award.

Dr. Poole has been honored as a nominee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and the Reader's Digest "Heroes in Education Award." In 1990, Dr. Poole was the first Elementary School Principal to be named Delaware's State Principal of the Year. She is also a four-time recipient of the State Chamber of Commerce's "Superstars! In Education Award" and a two-time recipient of the "Models of Excellence in Education Award." In 2004, Dr. Poole was one of 50 professionals from around the world who was chosen to participate in the Oxford Round Table, Oxford University, England where she spoke at the first symposium on Educating At Risk Youth.

Currently, Dr. Poole is the co-founder of Educationally Speaking, LLC, an educational consulting company that specializes in increasing student achievement through instructional analysis and professional development. She travels throughout the country providing workshops and seminars on leadership, reform, school culture and climate, and other timely issues. In addition, she serves on the State Chamber of Commerce's Partnership Board for education, the Superstars in Education Executive Board, the Lt. Governor's Models of Excellence Committee, and works with Delaware Community Foundation on scholarships and grants. She is recognized as a state, national and international educational leader, but her passion remains in teaching.