

# Faye Jones

## Fayetteville Public Schools Educator

Mary “Faye” Jones was born and raised in Elkins, Arkansas. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Education in 1974 and her master’s degree in Education in 1991, both from the University of Arkansas.

She began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher at Root Elementary School in 1974, where she served until being named principal of Bates Elementary School in 1997. Throughout her career as a kindergarten teacher, Faye welcomed hundreds of students and their families to their first school year, and became a much loved and trusted family friend. Later, Faye returned to Root Elementary School where she served as principal until she retired with 39 years of service to Fayetteville Public Schools.

During her career, she worked as a district strategic planning facilitator, professional development coordinator, and kindergarten coordinator, all while continuing to teach half of the day.

Following her retirement from teaching, Faye served on the EOA board of directors and steering committee for a capital campaign for EOA’s Children’s House. Citiscapes magazine named Faye to their “Twelve Northwest Arkansas Women in History” in 2002.

Faye lives in Fayetteville with her husband, Brian. Their children, Tina Brewer, Marc Jones, David Jones, and Ashley Jones, are all graduates of Fayetteville High School.