

Davie County Schools Names Taylor Vestal Director of Exceptional Children

MOCKSVILLE, N.C., June 2, 2026 - Davie County Schools has announced the appointment of Taylor Vestal as the district's new director of exceptional children. An accomplished educational leader with extensive expertise in exceptional children's (EC) programming, regulatory compliance, and district-level support networks, Vestal brings a proven track record of student-centered leadership and data-driven systems implementation to the district.



With 14 years of experience, Vestal joins Davie County Schools from neighboring Yadkin County Schools, where she most recently served as the student services coordinator and exceptional children's program coordinator. In that role, she provided district level leadership and professional development for exceptional children's staff including eligibility, compliance and programming. She also coordinated transition services for EC students and led the district's Autism Support Team. Her expertise also includes auditing and ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements, managing complex federal and state grants using the North Carolina Comprehensive Collaborative Instructional Program (NCCIP), and developing budgets and grant proposals.

Vestal began her EC career in the classroom as a teacher, and later served as EC department chair, where she led department operations, coordinated professional development and technology initiatives. In addition to her educational leadership roles, she has also coached volleyball, basketball, and track.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to step into the role of director of exceptional children for Davie County Schools," said Vestal. "I am passionate about ensuring all learners have the support and opportunities necessary to develop academically, socially, and independently as they work toward achieving their post-secondary goals."

Vestal earned a master's degree in executive leadership from Gardner-Webb University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Catawba College. She will begin her new role July 1, 2026.