

Joan Noel is a native of Boaz, and she attended Snead College from 1962-1964. She received her Bachelor's degree in Education from St. Bernard College and her Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Alabama. She began her teaching career at Boaz Elementary and taught third grade for 17 years. She later served as assistant principal at Douglas Elementary School and Corley Elementary School. She served as principal of Boaz Elementary School. In 1998, Mrs. Noel was the first woman elected Superintendent of the Marshall County School System. She also served as the director of the county's reading program and Boaz City School system's special education program. Mrs. Noel remains active in the community and in 2009 received the Alumna of the Year award from Snead State Community College.