



# Russ Rutherford

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## Objective

Music education is a unique and dynamic vehicle by which to educate our society in regard to the arts, humanity, and life.

## EXPERIENCE

### Director of Bands

Celina ISD, Celina, Texas  
1993-present

Developed a viable, competitive band program in a very athletic oriented community.

### Accomplishments

- Many students continue to play in college and beyond
- High percentage of students experience success in leadership roles after graduation
- 18 years of UIL Sweepstakes
- 5 ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series State wins
- 2 ATSSB OPS State Runner-ups
- 1 TMEA Honor Band State Runner-up
- 2 years participation in UIL State Marching Contest - 1 Finalist
- Many Best in Class and caption awards
- Rehearse and conduct two major musicals in collaboration with the theatre, art, and vocal departments

### Director of Fine Arts/Director of Bands

Gainesville ISD  
2016-2021

Duties included conducting and operating the band program, and overseeing and developing all fine arts in Gainesville ISD. This included budget development, mentoring, starting programs where needed, hiring personnel, and providing professional development.

### Accomplishments

- Turned a struggling band program into a successful, growing, award winning program
- Competed in the Area Marching Finals for the first time in the school's history
- Started a private lesson program
- Started a Band Booster Club
- Grew the Fine Arts budget from \$75,000.00 to \$230,000.00
- Progress made toward vertical alignment in all Fine Arts curriculum areas
- Installed and equipped viable elementary music programs on two campuses where programs had been previously canceled.
- Very significant amount of organization for all fine arts programs

## EDUCATION

### Southwest Baptist University

Bachelor of Music Education — 1980-1984

Vice President and President of Kappa Kappa Psi  
Student Conductor

Band Manager

### **University of North Texas**

Master of Music, Trombone Performance — 1988-1993  
Royce Lumpkin, Major Professor

### **SKILLS**

- Motivation of students to pursue excellence
- Management of personnel
- Structural organization
- Fine Arts Administration
- Organization of Booster Club
- Design and Management of Fine Arts Facility construction
- Basic woodworking and carpentry

### **HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- ATSSB Executive Board of Directors 4A Representative
- ATSSB Region 5 Asst. Coordinator
- Membership - Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity
- Active TMAA Certified Adjudicator

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