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## ***Professional Teaching Experience***

### ***Director of Bands, Rockwall Heath High School August 2005 - 2013***

Prepared the school band program for grand opening in 2005 by constructing the inventory including instruments, uniforms, and equipment. I was responsible for all aspects of the band program, including marching band, concert bands, and development of the jazz program.

- Fine Arts Department Head from 2005-2011.
- RHHS Bands have received superior ratings at UIL Concert and Marching Contests
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in TMEA Honor Band Competition in 2009.
- Performed in Carnegie Hall In March of 2008.

### ***Director of Bands, Waxahachie High School August 1998 – June 2005***

Responsible for all aspects of band program including marching and concert organizations.

- Received sweepstakes ratings at UIL competition each year.
- TMEA Region Honor Band in 1996.
- UIL State Marching Contest in 2000 and 2002.
- Performed at the National Concert Band Festival, Indianapolis, IN, 2005
- Marched in the Macy's 74th Thanksgiving Day Parade, New York City, 2000.

### ***Director of Bands, DeSoto West Jr. High School August 1987 – July 1998***

Opened the school and started the band program in 1987.

- Performed at Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Chicago, in December, 1996.
- Earned UIL sweepstakes award each year during eleven-year tenure.
- TMEA State Honor Band finalist in 1990, 1992, 1994 (2nd), 1996 (2nd).
- Performed at Texas Music Educators Association State Convention, San Antonio, as TMEA Honor Band Runner-Up in February, 1996.

### ***Director of Bands, Bowie Jr. High and Nimitz High School August 1982 – July 1987***

Responsible for instruction of all aspects of middle school band program and beginner instruction. Assisted with instruction of Nimitz High School Marching Band including drill charting.

## ***Educational Background***

University of Arkansas, 1975-1978

Baylor University, 1978-1980, Bachelors of Music Education

Baylor University, 1980-1982, Masters of Music in Conducting

Texas A&M University, Commerce, Earned Principal's Certification, K-12, in 2004 (Still Current)

## **Professional Educator Achievements**

*Consecutive UIL Sweepstakes Awards 1987 -*

*Best in Class at invitational Concert Festivals including South Coast and Peak Music Festivals.*

*TMEA State Honor performance at TMEA, San Antonio, TX, 1997*

*TMEA State Honor Band finalist 1990 (4<sup>th</sup>), 1992 (12<sup>th</sup>), 1994 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 1996 (2<sup>nd</sup>)*

*Performance at Midwest Band and Orchestra Convention, Chicago, IL, 1997*

*Performance at Texas State Marching Contest 1999, 2001*

*Performance at 74<sup>th</sup> Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, 2000*

*Performance for President George W. Bush in Dallas, 2002*

*Performance at Bands of America (Concert Band), Indianapolis, 2003*

*Carnegie Hall Performance, Rockwall-Heath HS, 2008*

*TMEA 5A State Honor Band Finalist, Rockwall-Heath HS, 2010*

## **State Responsibilities, Offices, Clinics, & Committees Served**

### **Texas Music Educators Association**

*Middle School Band Chairman 1990-1994*

*Organized and Hosted All-District and All-Region Auditions 1990-1997, 2007-2013*

*Presented Sightreading Techniques Clinics at Annual Convention*

### **University Interscholastic League**

*Organized and Hosted UIL Middle School Concert Sightreading 1992-1997*

*Organized and Hosted UIL Regional Marching Contest 1999 – 2005*

*Organized and Hosted UIL High School Concert & Sightreading Contest 2000-2005, 2010-2013*

*Served on the Prescribed Music List Committee*

*Served on the UIL Sightreading Procedural and Music Committee*

### **Texas Bandmasters Association**

*Presented Technology Clinics at Annual State Conventions in Louisiana and Texas*

*Served as TBA Region 20 Representative, 2001-2005*

*Served as TBA Region 3 Representative, 2005-2013*

## **Professional Affiliations**

*Texas Music Educators Association*

*Texas Bandmasters Association*

*Texas Music Adjudicators Association*

*Phi Mu Alpha International Bandmasters Fraternity*

*International Trumpet Guild*

## **Mentoring/Consulting**

*I am currently consulting with and mentoring band directors in the DFW area.*

## **Professional Mentors**

*Mr. Richard Floyd, Former Director of UIL State Music Activities*

*Mr. Eddie Green, Former Director of Bands, University of Houston*

*Mr. Brian Merrill, Former Associate Director of Bands, Duncanville High School*