

Daniel Ross Grant

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Head Band Director – DeSoto High School (1982-2000)

- **UIL State Marching Contest 5A Finalist** – 7 times (top 6 out of 250 schools)
- 2-times invited to **Tournament of Roses Parade**
- Founder: **"DeSoto in the Meyerson"** Annual Concert Series
- Founder: **"DeSoto Marching Band Classic"** marching contest
- P.T.A. "Teacher of the Year" in DeSoto

Chairman of Instrumental Music Education – Texas Christian University (2001-2003)

- Created & taught curriculum for future band, choir and orchestra directors
- Presented clinics to State Music Educator Conferences in TX and OK:

•*Master Beginner Teachers – Video Presentations*

•*State Marching Contest Winners*

Head Band Director – Azle High School (2003-2010)

- Band grew from 130 to 260 (largest band in TX for school enrollment of 1500)
- 3-time UIL State Marching Qualifier; 3-time TMEA Region Honor Band Winner
- Founder of "Azle in the Meyerson Concert Series" - 2009
- Was honored 7 times as *"most influential teacher of a top-10 senior"*

Director of Bands & Choirs – First Baptist Academy (2010-2011)

Director of Bands – Sweetwater High School (2011-2012)

- 1st Sweepstakes in five years

Director of Bands - Community High School (2012-2015)

- 1st three UIL Sweepstakes in history of school; 1st ever Marching Contest Champion Award
- Increased enrollment in lower grades by 50%; increased state solo qualifiers by 500%

Director of Bands – Irving High School (2015-2018)

- 1st two UIL Sweepstakes in 15 years
- Increased all-region by 500%; increased state solo qualifiers by 500%

Retired (2018)

- Wylie Community Band, Combo & Big Band – Conductor
- SFASU – Supervisor for Student Teachers in DFW
- Band Clinician & Adjudicator
- Member, FBC Richardson Orchestra

Education

Ouachita Baptist University – Bachelor of Music Education & Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance

UNT – Masters of Music Education, PhD – Conducting/Music Education

Dissertation: ***"The Texas Music Educators Association: A Study of Pivotal Events Between 1920 and 1980, and the Decisions which Influenced their Outcomes"***

Miscellaneous

▶ Has presented clinics to State Music Educator Conferences and school districts:

- Organizing Summer Marching Rehearsals
- Maximizing Solos & Ensembles in Your Program
- Burn-out
- Recruiting
- Sight-Reading Tips
- Tips for Rehearsing the Contest Show
- Organizing Your Booster Club
- Retention
- Being a Good Role-Model
- Being a Lifelong Learner

▶ Has adjudicated UIL contests throughout TX, and band contests in IL, TN, OK, AZ and NM

▶ Has had marching band music arrangements performed by bands in TX, OK, AR and KY

▶ Has judged the 6A UIL State Marching Contest, the OK State Marching Contest, and the Fiesta Bowl Marching Contest

▶ Has served as TMEA All-Region Band Conductor/Clinician throughout Texas

▶ He and his wife published a 400-page instructional book for teachers:

"The Best of the Yellow Board: Questions & Answers from Veteran Band Directors"

▶ Deacon – First Baptist Church of Richardson