

BENJAMIN K. BROWN

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CAREER SUMMARY

An accomplished educator, entrepreneur and professional musician with 4 years experience teaching high school math, 16 years of experience teaching music, 2 years of teaching college and adult education and 9 years teaching privately. Expertise in teaching at-risk students, English Language Learners, and other folks who struggle with math. Certified to teach Math through CA-EL alternate certification. Skilled at creating economical and entertaining educational videos of guitar and ukulele instruction and related topics.

CORE COMPETENCIES - MUSIC EDUCATION & PERFORMANCE

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| • Explain math in Spanish | • Project-Based Learning | • Skilled Vocalist |
| • Help at risk students succeed | • Choral Direction | • Education of Diverse Learners |
| • Respect and celebrate diversity | • Vocal Coach | • Instructional Technology |
| • Relate math to daily life | • Concert Planning | • Differentiated Instruction |
| • Create Educational Videos | • Guitar, Electric Bass | • Multitrack Audio Recording |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

The Learning Center

2021 – 2022

Fayette County Public Schools, Lexington, KY

Music and Mathematics Teacher

- Designed and implemented innovative lessons, in the areas of Geometry and Algebra, focused on engaging students at a non-traditional high school for at-risk students
- Helped students recover math credits from previous year Covid 19 quarantine.
- Employed assessment tools and proactive instructional methods and strategies.
- Collaborated with teaching partners, parents and the community to manage issues which can lead to vulnerable students dropping out of school

Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, Kentucky

2019 - 2021

Mathematics Teacher

- Designed and implemented innovative lessons in Algebra, focused on engaging English Language Learner students who have minimal English language ability.
- Employed assessment tools and proactive instructional methods and strategies, including Edgenuity, self-guided online content delivery.
- Developed remote learning strategies during emergency Non Traditional Learning session to accommodate Algebra English Language Learners, Math Concepts and Statistics students.

Farnsley Middle School, Louisville, Kentucky

2018 – 2019

Music Teacher / Choir Director

- Instructed classes of 40+ students on vocal technique, choral singing and music theory
- Taught Innovative general music classes in composition and music production
- Maintain order and discipline among students while promoting safety and compliance with school rules and guidelines
- Adapt and reassess lesson plans to meet specific student needs

Rosenwald Empowerment and Preparation Academy

2017 – 2018

Frankfort Independent Schools, Frankfort, KY

Music and Mathematics Teacher

- Designed and implemented innovative lessons, in the areas of Music, Geometry and Algebra, focused on engaging students at this non-traditional high school for at-risk students
- Nurtured students' musical abilities and coached and mentored students to perform at concerts

- and other venues; produced and edited student performance video - <https://bit.ly/2sLvji6i>
- Employed assessment tools and proactive instructional methods and strategies, including the Summit Learning Platform, a personalized approach to teaching and learning
- Collaborated with teaching partners, parents and the community to manage issues which can lead to vulnerable students dropping out of school

Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY
Assigned to: Fayette County Detention Center, Lexington, KY

2016 – 2017

Teacher - Adult Education

- Prepared and implemented lessons in Math, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts and GED Preparation for incarcerated adults
- Administered the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

Ben Brown Music, Lexington, Kentucky / Lander and Riverton, Wyoming

2007 – 2016

Music Teacher

- Developed individualized programs of instructions based on assessment of student ability and in collaboration with student
- Engaged students in a performance-based curriculum culminating in concerts where students perform with professional musicians; audio engineered and edited video of student performance which can be seen at <https://bit.ly/1S7BdCC>
- Founded and managed operations of a small business, including performance space leasing, accounting, scheduling, marketing, etc.; built weekly clientele to 40-50 students in Kentucky (2007 - 2014) and in Wyoming (2014 - 2015)
- Created a website, www.MoreThanGuitar.com, with a blog and 30+ instructional videos on playing the guitar and ukulele as well as other topics relevant to student learners

East Jessamine High School, Nicholasville, Kentucky

2006 – 2007

Choir Director / Drama Teacher

- Coached students to successfully perform John Rutter's Requiem, view at <https://soundcloud.com/ben-brown-18/sets/rutter-requiem>
- Directed the school's performance of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

Woodford County High School, Versailles, Kentucky

1989 – 2004

Music Teacher / Choir Director

- Instructed a class of 40+ students on vocal technique, choral singing and guitar
- Created a contemporary acapella choir, the Woodford Singers, which performed at many community events; choir performed at the 2000 Costa Rica National Choral Festival
- Recorded "Random Acts" compact disc, 2001 <https://bit.ly/2sQg5gK>

EDUCATION

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| • Master of Music Education
<i>University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY</i> | 05/2000 |
| • Bachelor of Music Education | 12/1988 |
| • Bachelor of General Studies
<i>Morehead State University, Morehead, KY</i> | 05/1985 |

CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Certificate for Teaching Math, Grades 8-12; Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Provisional Certificate for Teaching Vocal Music, Grades K-12; Commonwealth of Kentucky