Education

High School Diploma, Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Stow, OH. June 1995 **Bachelor of Music Education,** The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. June 2000 **Masters in Educational Foundations of Instructional Technology**, The University of Akron, Akron, OH. Anticipated graduation – December 2020

Teaching Experience

Teacher/Band Director, Lake Local Schools, Uniontown/Hartville, OH August 2001 - Present

Director of Music, Brown Local Schools, Malvern, OH August 2000 - July 2001

Responsibilities

Middle School Band Director

Responsibilities Have Included:

- Organizing and preparing daily music lessons
- Evaluating student progress through performance and written assessments
- Teaching small group sectionals to students in the 7th Grade Band
- Current director of the Lake 8th Grade Band
- Middle School Jazz Band Director
- Organizing, preparing, and leading the annual "Lake Middle School Band Night"
- Assisting in student recruitment and retention, including organizing and leading the annual High School Band Orientation Meeting

Accomplishments:

- Middle School Bands have consistently earned "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings at OMEA sponsored Large Group Adjudicated Events in Class A and B
- Consistently bring 80-90 students to perform for the OMEA sponsored Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Events, earning Superior and Excellent ratings
- The Lake Middle School 8th Grade Band was selected to perform at the 2012 OMEA Professional Development Conference in Columbus, OH.
- Have consistently recruited 90% of 8th Grade Band students into the high school band program

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High School Band Director

Responsibilities Have Included:

Director of the Marching Band, which included

- Organizing and preparing daily lessons
- Evaluating student progress through performance and written assessments
- Responsible for music selection, show planning, and assisted in drill writing
- Music rehearsal and drill teaching
- Identifying and nurturing student leaders
- Planning, organizing and leading student leadership training
- Determining director responsibilities for colleagues
- Working closely with coaches of shared students

High School Concert Band Director, which included

- Directing bands of various ability levels
- Organizing and preparing daily music lessons
- Evaluating student progress through performance and written assessments

Music History Teacher, which included

- Organizing and preparing daily lessons
- Evaluating student progress through written assessments

Accomplishments:

- High School Bands have consistently earned "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings at OMEA sponsored Large Group Adjudicated Events in Class AA, B, and C
- Consistently bring 100+ students to perform for the OMEA sponsored Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Events, earning Superior and Excellent ratings
- The Lake High School Symphonic Winds was selected to perform at the 2011 Ohio Band Director's Conference at the University of Akron

Elementary School Band Director

Responsibilities Have Included:

- Organizing and preparing daily music lessons
- Evaluating student progress through performance and written assessments
- Current director of the 5th and 6th Grade Bands
- Assisting in student recruitment and instrument selection

Other Organization and Trip Planning

- Organizing week-long trips to Florida for nearly 200 students and chaperones
- Organizing trips to Cedar Point for approximately 150 students and chaperones
- Organizing performance trips to the University of Akron, Columbus, Orlando, FL, as well as away football games and contest performances
- Organizing fundraisers for various needs of the band
- Assisting in planning of the high school band's annual "Military Ball"
- Assisting in the design, fundraising, and purchase of new marching band uniforms
- Assisting in planning, organizing, and hosting OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Events
- Assisting in the planning, organization, and hosting of the annual "Lake Band Show"

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Parental and Community Communication

- Writing articles for the local papers regarding the band program
- Using online mass call-out and mass email systems
- Phone and in-person parent/teacher conferences
- Working closely with the Lake Band Boosters, a parent organization
- Developing and maintaining online calendar for performances and practices
- Developing and maintaining the Lake Band Facebook Page

National Honor Society Faculty Council

- Interviewing and selecting members of the National Honor Society

Lake Local Educator's Association Building Representative

- Representing the high school faculty at union events and meetings

Honors and Awards

- Named a Lake Local Schools Top 25 Educator 2006, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2020
- Named Lake Local Schools "Teacher of the Month" for November 2019
- Bands have received consistent "Superior" Ratings in all OMEA classifications
- Bands have been selected to perform at various prestigious events including the Ohio Band Director's Conference and the OMEA Professional Development Conference

Other Work Experience:

Worship Minister, Church in the Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH July 2013 - Present

Affiliations

Ohio Music Education Association
National Association for Music Education
Ohio Educator's Association
Nominated for the American School Band Director's Association