

# Jonathan C. Shelly

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## Summary

Passionate and energetic music teacher and jazz trombonist with diverse musical experiences teaching general music, beginner and advanced band/orchestra, composing and arranging band/choir music, teaching West African drumming, group piano, and facilitating an elementary Suzuki Violin program. Experience implementing Conversational Solfege, Orff, and Kodaly pedagogies.

## Education

### **University of Connecticut, Neag School of Education**

**May 2011**

Dual degree in Music Education: B.S. in Education and B.F.A.

with Jazz Emphasis

Cum Laude: 3.69 GPA

CT Certificate: 049

### **University of Missouri, School of Information Sciences and Learning Technologies**

Currently Enrolled

MS in Technology in Schools

## Experience

### **Pre-K through 2 General Music and Choir, Oliver Ellsworth Elementary**

**Windsor, CT — 2014-Present**

Elementary music position with a Conversational Solfege-driven curriculum.

- Currently teach 25 sections of music including 8 sections of Special Ed Pre-K.
- Direct a choir that performs biannual concerts and school assemblies.
- Awarded 2015-2016 Building Educator of the Year.
- Spent two years as PBIS coach, planning school-wide events and incentives, planning and running weekly committee meetings, analyzing and presenting data at staff meetings.
- Developed a deep understanding of PBIS behavior philosophies and strategies.

### **PreK-2 General Music and Violin, North Street School**

**Windsor Locks, CT — 2013-2014**

School year substitute for a teacher on sabbatical.

- Presented concerts for Pre-K, K, 1, and 2, as well as a violin recital.
- Collaborated with the Art teacher to develop an interdisciplinary African Art and Music curriculum and performance that merged songs, drumming, and

art.

- Ran a successful Suzuki Violin program of nearly 50 K-1 students.
- Developed an after-school West African drumming enrichment program.

### **Band/Orchestra Director, The Master's School**

**West Simsbury, CT — 2011-2012**

Director of beginner elementary, middle, high school bands, as well as chamber ensembles, including string quartets.

### **Substitute Teacher**

**Districts of Simsbury, Harwinton/Burlington: Region #10— 2012-2013**

Per diem substitute teacher for most subjects, but mostly general music, band, choir.

### **Student Teaching: 5th and 6th Grade Band Instructor, Simsbury Public Schools**

#### **Additional Skills**

- Able to accompany students on piano or guitar. Able to arrange all music to appropriately challenge and fit the specific needs of each student.
- Proficient on Sibelius (arranging software), SoundTrap, Garageband.
- Experience using Ipads and various interactive music education apps in the classroom.
- Studied jazz trombone in college, experience arranging for and directing 17-piece big bands.
- Experience teaching private lessons on all band instruments, violin, piano, and guitar.
- Experience tutoring ELL, reading, writing, and mathematics for ages 6 to 12.