Garth Gundersen



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Objective

To work with outstanding Music Educators and Students in a collaborative work environment that stimulates excellence, creativity, and a life-long love of learning and music. To obtain a position in a collaborative environment as Associate or Assistant Band Director at the University level.

Experience

Killeen Independent School District (Assistant Director of Fine Arts)

July 2022 - Present

- Assistant Director of Fine Arts Mission and Vision, Website management, social media, Curriculum development,
 Masterclass program development, Scheduling and Counseling for Fine Arts classes, Staff
 recruitment/hiring/retention, Budget development and maintenance, Summer Camp coordination, Mentorship
 program creation and maintenance, Event planning/coordination/performance, All-Star Marching Band and All-Star
 Middle School Band creation, Diversity Concert creation and development.
- Coordinator of Band and Orchestra Programs PLC curriculum and administration, Job Alike curriculum and administration, Music First district textbook creation and curriculum development, String Extravaganza, Band Fest, uniform purchases, weekly communications, staff coaching and coordination
- Manager of Inventory 5 high schools, 12 middle schools, purchase inventory for all campuses, coordinate with vendors through bids, 1.2. million in Esser Funds purchase and distribution, repair and maintenance of full district inventory, Maintain district inventory and distribution for Title 1 students on campuses.
- Coach of Instructional Staff Creation of district coaching initiative with master teachers on middle school campuses, classroom coaching of teachers on a daily basis, best practices and techniques via in-person coaching and weekly emails
- Judge and Clinician Sought after judge at UIL region, area & state, USBands judge, Texas Music Festivals judge;
 Sought after Clinician for region bands, all-city bands, high and middle school bands throughout the state.

James Bowie High School (Head Band Director)

July 2018 - June 2022

- Director of the Bowie High School Outdoor Performing Ensemble 4 consecutive years of 1st division ratings at UIL Region Marching Contest; UIL State Marching Contest Participant (2018); Consistent Bands of America Regional Finalist; Bands of America Super Regionals Finalist 2019; Bands of America Waco Regional Champion 2019; Currently 250 students in the Bowie High School Marching Band and ranked 19th in the nation.
- Director of the Bowie High School Concert Bands 4 consecutive years of 1st division ratings at UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest; 4 consecutive years of earning the UIL Sweepstakes Awards; 2019 Winner of Foundation for Music Education 'Mark of Excellence'; Class champion at Concert Band Contests; Wind Ensemble Invitational Performance at 2021 WIBC Convention in Seattle; Average over 50 All-Region Band Students each year; Many students that are continuing in music as a degree beyond high school; Midwest Invitation spring 2022.
- Manager of Comprehensive Music Education Program Bowie Winter Guard Programs (Multiple TCGC State Champions; WGI Regional Champions; WGI World Championships, and invitational performance in Beijing, China at first every WGI China); 2 Jazz Bands; 2 Steel Drum Programs; High School Musical

- Manager of Finance Responsible for management of coordination of Student Activity Account, Campus Activity
 Account, and District Finance Accounts. Trip Account Management of all trip accounts.
- **Manager of Staff** Responsible for hiring, training, coordinating staff responsibilities (current staff of 5, plus support staff of 20 private lessons, 10 techs, 6 support staff, in addition to multiple clinicians)

Austin Youth Orchestra (Conductor and Coordinator) August 2014 – 2022

Conductor and Coordinator – Co-Conductor of the Austin Youth Orchestra. The Austin Youth Orchestra is the
premier invitational ensemble in Austin, with performers from AISD, Hays ISD, Leander ISD, Pflugerville ISD and
Round Rock ISD. Conductor responsibilities included selecting, rehearsing, and performing music for the Classical
Concert Series and Grand Finale Concert each spring semester. The coordinator position recruits and organizes all
woodwinds, brass, and percussion for the Youth Orchestra.

Robert E. Hendrickson High School (Head Band Director) August 2003 – June 2018

- Director of the Hendrickson High School 'Hawk' Marching Band 15 consecutive years of 1st division ratings at UIL Region Marching Contest; UIL State Marching Contest Finalist (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011); UIL State Marching Contest Participant (2005, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2016); Consistent Bands of America Regional Finalist; Bands of America Super Regionals Finalist 2016 & 2017; Invitational Performances at the 2016 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, 2013 Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade, 2010 Fiesta Bowl (Grand Masters Champion), 2007 Disney Magic Music Days Parade, 2005 Philadelphia Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia; Currently 280 students in the Hendrickson High School Marching Band.
- Director of the Hendrickson High School Concert Bands 15 consecutive years of 1st division ratings at UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest; 14 consecutive years of earning the UIL Sweepstakes Award (we did not enter UIL Marching the first year); TMEA Honor Band Finalist (2006, 2008, 2010, 2012); 2016 TMEA 6A Region advancement and Area Honor Band 3rd place; 2017 Winner of Foundation for Music Education 'Mark of Excellence'; Class champion at multiple Concert Band Contests; Wind Ensemble Invitational Performance at 2015 WIBC Convention in Seattle; Saxophone Ensemble Invitational Performance at 2015 Midwest Convention in Chicago; Over 70 All-State Band Students in 15 Years; Average over 40 All-Region Band Students each year; Many students that are continuing in music as a degree beyond high school
- Manager of Comprehensive Music Education Program 2 competitive Winter Guard Programs (Multiple TCGC State Champions; WGI Regional Champions; WGI World Championships 9th in Open Class); 1 competitive Winter Percussion Program (5th in TCGC State Open Class); Jazz Band; High School Musical (2 time Best Production at Greater Austin Musical Theatre Awards)
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W. Charles Akins High School (Head Band Director) August 2000 – June 2003

- Director of the Akins High School Marching Band Consistent UIL Region Marching 1st Division Ratings; Advancement to UIL 4A Area Marching Contest in only opportunity (2nd year of program); Invitational performance in Disney Magic Music Days Parade; Awards in marching festivals each year.
- Director of the Akins High School Concert Bands Consistent UIL Concert & Sight Reading 1st Division Ratings;
 Class Champion at multiple concert band festivals; All Region Musicians and All State Musicians; Grew Concert
 Program from 1 band to 3 bands; Awards in concert festivals each year.
- Manager of Comprehensive Music Education Program Finance; Trips; Color Guard won the TCGC State Championship, experience teaching the orchestra in 2nd year of program.
- 1st Director at W. Charles Akins High School Grew program from less than 50 members in 1st year to more than 180 members in 3rd year.
- Manager of Staff Responsible for hiring, training, coordinating staff responsibilities

Stephen F. Austin High School (Assistant Band Director)

August 1998 - June 2000

- Assistant with the SFA Marching Band Consistent UIL Region Marching 1st Division Ratings
- Assistant with the SFA Concert Bands Consistent UIL Concert & Sight Reading 1st Division Ratings
- Drill Instructor, Marching Fundamentals, and Music for Marching Band
- Drill Writer in 2000 for SFA Marching Band 1st Division Ratings
- Director of Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and co-directed Concert Band

Westlake High School & Hill Country Middle School (Assistant) August 1993 – June 1996

- Assistant with the Westlake High School Marching Band Consistent UIL Region Marching 1st Division Ratings
- Assistant with the Westlake High School Concert Bands Consistent UIL Concert & Sight Reading 1st Division Ratings – Co-Directed the Concert Band, Sectionals with all other Concert Bands
- Assistant with the Hill Country Middle School Concert Bands Consistent UIL Concert & Sight Reading 1st Division Ratings – Directed the Symphonic Band, Sectionals and Beginner Band Classes
- Assistant Coordinator of Music Commission Courtly Airs & Dances by Ron Nelson

Education

Region 13 Principal's Certification Program

January 2021 - March 2022

Principal's Certification – PASL completion March 2022; 268 Exam completion March 18, 2022; Coursework completion March 26, 2022

The University of Texas at Austin

August 1996 – May 1998

Master of Music - Studied with Jerry Junkin, Paula Crider, Robert Duke

Louisiana State University

August 1988 – May 1993

Bachelor of Music Education – Studied with Frank Wickes, Linda Moorehouse, Jim Byo



Other Experience

- Austin Youth Orchestra Woodwind/Brass Specialist (2016 2022); 2018 Co-conductor
- **Longhorn Music Camp** Staff (1997 2020)
- TSSEC Coordinator of A AAAA TSSEC State Contest at Hendrickson High School (2008 2018)
- Clinician Region Band, Austin Area Groups, Holiday Bowl Staff (1998 present)
- **Adjudicator –** UIL, pre-UIL, and festival events (1998 present)
- Austin Symphonic Band Member (1993 1996)
- Professional Affiliations TMEA, TBA, TMAA, Phi Beta Mu
- Organization Fluent in Music First, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Charms, Finance, Website Building