



Curriculum Vita

2024-2025

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EDUCATION

Master of Education, Elementary Education, Texas A & M - Commerce, Commerce, TX.
Professional specialization: Kodály Certification, Master's Thesis: *The Effects of Individual Training for the Untuned Singer*. December, 2006.

Bachelor of Music Education, All-Level Vocal Music, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, May, 1996.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996/1998	Horace Mann Elementary, Westwood Elementary & Highland Park Elementary, Woodward Public Schools, Woodward, Oklahoma - Elementary Music Specialist for Kindergarten - Fourth Grades.
1996/1998	Oklahoma Baptist State Music Specialist

1998/2007	Thompson Elementary, Black Elementary, Tisinger Elementary, Cannaday Elementary and Austin Elementary, Mesquite I S D, Mesquite, TX - Elementary Music Specialist for First - Sixth Grades. Also had before and after school Honor Choir and Handbell Choirs. 1998/1999-Assistant Director for the Mesquite ISD Boys' Choir.
2007/2008	North Elementary and South Elementary, Lamesa I S D, Lamesa, TX - Elementary Music Specialist for Kindergarten - Fifth Grades.
2008/2021	Range Elementary, Mesquite I S D, Mesquite, TX - Elementary Music Specialist for First - Sixth Grades. Also had after school Honor Choir and Handbell Choir. 2008/2009 & 2009/2010 Director for the Mesquite ISD Boys' Choir (the last two years before it was combined with the two Girls' Choirs to form one Mesquite ISD Children's Chorus).
2022 - Present	Adjunct Field Supervisor, Elementary Music rotation, Texas A & M University - Commerce

PRESENTATIONS

- Stark, V. (July, 1996) *Exploring Different Ways to Allow our Children to Lead in Worship*, Presented to the Preschool and Children's Choir leaders for the Oklahoma Baptist State Music Conference, First Baptist Moore, Moore, OK.
- Stark, V. (January, 1998), *Preschool Music Activities in the Church Music Graded Curriculum*, Presented to the Preschool Music leaders for the North Texas Regional Church MusiConference for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, First Baptist Henrietta, Henrietta, TX.
- Stark, V. (1999), *The Road Less Taken – Kodály in the Elementary Music Classroom*, Presented in a Teacher Workshop to Elementary Music Teachers for Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.
- Stark, V. (January, 2000), *Preschool Music Activities in the Church Music Graded Curriculum*, Presented to the Preschool Music leaders for the West Texas Regional Church MusiConference for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, TX
- Stark, V. (January, 2002), *Younger Children's Choir Activities in the Church Music Graded Curriculum*, Presented to the Younger Children's Choir Music leaders for the North Central Texas Regional Church MusiConference for the Baptist General Convention of

Texas, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, TX.

Stark, V. (September, 2002), *Teaching Music the Kodály Way*, Presented in a Teacher Workshop to Elementary Music Teachers for the Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.

Stark, V. (January, 2007), *Writing Orffistrations to go with a Children's Book for a School PTA Program*, Presented to the members of the North Texas Chapter of American Orff Schulwerk Association, University of Texas – Arlington, Arlington, TX.

Stark, V. (September & October, 2010), *Promethean for Music Teachers*, Presented in a Teacher Workshop to the Elementary Music Teachers for the Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.

Stark, V. (November, 2010), *Garage Band in the Elementary Music Classroom*, Presented in a Teacher Workshop to the Elementary Music Teachers for the Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.

Stark, V. (April, 2020) *Using Manipulatives in the Elementary Music Classroom to Prepare, Present and Practice Music Reading and Writing in the Kodály Way*, Presented in a Teacher Workshop to the Elementary Music Teachers for the Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.

BIO Vicky Calahan Stark

Mission Statement

To:

Create a learning environment that is safe, inviting, challenging and fun

In a way that:

- Focuses on the important objectives,
- Fosters student ownership, and
- Encourages students to recognize the value of music in their lives

So that:

All students feel like capable musicians and thereby have a lifelong love of music.

TRANSCRIPTS

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- 1) Amarillo College
- 2) Texas A & M – Commerce (East Texas State University – 1972 – 1973)
- 3) Weatherford College
- 4) University of Texas - Arlington
- 5) Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- 6) Texas A & M - Commerce
- 7) McNeese State University

REFERENCES

Mr. John Kline, Retired Director of Fine Arts for Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX.
Dr. Heidi Gordon, Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator for Mesquite ISD, Mesquite, TX
Mrs. Cathy Warnock, Retired Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator for Mesquite ISD,
Mesquite, TX.

CERTIFICATES

06/29/2007	The McNeese State University Kodály Institute Kodály Studies Level III
07/07/2006	The McNeese State University Summer Kodály Institute Kodály Studies Level II
07/01/2005	The McNeese State University Summer Kodály Institute Kodály Studies Level I
06/28/2002	Music Educators Workshop Southern Methodist University Orff Schulwerk, Level III
10/17/1998-Life	Texas Teacher Certificate PROVISIONAL All-Level Music (Grades PK – 12) Secondary Music (Grades 06 – 12)
08/10/1998-08/10/1999	Texas Teacher Certificate ONE-YEAR All-Level Music (Grades PK – 12) Secondary Music (Grades 06 – 12)
07/01/1997-06/30/2002	Oklahoma State Department of Education Teaching Certificate 2014 Music General Certificate Endorsement K – 12 2015 Music – Vocal Certificate Endorsement K – 12
07/01/1996–06/30/1997	Oklahoma State Department of Education Teaching Certificate 2014 Music General Certificate Endorsement K – 12 2015 Music – Vocal Certificate Endorsement K – 12
06/23/1995	Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Music, Orff Level II
05/08/1995	Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Music, Orff Level One
05/09/1994	Southwestern State University Department of Music, Weatherford, Oklahoma Kodály Endorsement Levels I and II

HONORS & AWARDS

- 1993 Voted the “**Outstanding Speaker**” from the speech class at Weatherford College
- 1996 **Cum Laude** - graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with Music Education Degree
- 2000 **Curriculum Writing Committee** for the First - Sixth grade classes for the Mesquite I S D, Mesquite, TX. Committee of three members was created to assist the Elementary Fine Arts-Facilitator write new district curriculum expectations to be in line with the TEKS of the Texas Education Agency.
- 2005/2006 **Chancellor’s List**
This compendium recognizes the academic achievements of Outstanding graduate students in America. You are to be Commended for your demonstrated excellence.
- 06/29/2007 **The Éva Vendrei Award** from The McNeese State University Kodály Institute To Vicky Stark in tribute to her commitment to the Kodály Philosophy of “a well-trained intelligence, a well-trained heart and a well-trained hand” as exemplified in the distinguished life, work and spirit of Éva Vendrei, master teacher, gifted musician and extraordinary human spirit.
- 04/23/2013 **Curriculum Writing Committee** for the Kindergarten - 6th grade classes for the Mesquite I S D, Mesquite, TX. Committee was created to write new district curriculum expectations to be in line with the new TEKS that were being developed by the Texas Education Agency.
- 09/14/2015 **Apple Corps** of the Mesquite Independent School District
The Apple Corps program rewards excellence in teaching by honoring outstanding MISD teachers. Created in January 1990, this honorary program inducts two new teachers each month at the regular meeting of the district meeting. They are nominated by their peers and approved by administration and enjoy many forms of public recognition and appreciation each year.