



Issaquah High Teacher Profile

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What is your education background?

Earned my undergrad degree in music education from Indiana University in 1999 and completed my master's degree in wind conducting from the American Band College in 2009.

What was your job/career before coming to teach at Issaquah? If you had a prior job/career, how did that job/career make you become a better teacher?

I started teaching in Indiana for two years and followed my wife out to the great state of Washington in the summer of 2001. It has been a great joy to be part of the IHS community, a wonderful place to teach, and I hope it to be where I teach for the rest of my career.



How long have you been teaching at Issaquah? What classes at Issaquah do you teach, and why do you love teaching that subject?

I have been teaching band at Issaquah HS since 2001. I enjoy working and collaborating with the musically talented students at Issaquah HS.

Any favorite teaching memories?

I try to inspire many students to continue music past high school, even if they don't major in music. Many IHS band students have become members of college marching bands in the PAC-12, Big Ten and even in the ACC. There have even been some who have entered the field of music education and currently are teachers in Washington State.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I'm working now on continuing to inspire students during remote learning and am currently editing and broadcasting a video series "Careers in Music" for my students. The series features my friends and former classmates who are professionals in the music field. I interviewed my colleagues in the spring and summer and look forward to sharing them with my classes.

