

Amy Symes

Music Educator

Skills

Dedicated education professional with 20 years of elementary and middle school classroom experience. Committed to student success, self-improvement, and relationship-building. Skilled at collaborating with students, colleagues, families and community members to foster a caring, diverse and flexible learning environment that promotes growth in academic, social and interpersonal skills. Experience supervising and mentoring student teachers, new teachers, practicum students and teaching assistants. Strong background in data driven educational practices, mentorship, classroom management and arts integration.

Teaching Experience

K.O. Knudson Academy of Creative Arts / Director of Choirs

August 2007- Present, Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV

- *Department Chair

- *Teacher Leader/Mentor Teacher

- *Arts Integration Co-Chair

- *K.O. SOT Member (2019-present)

- *School Performance Plan Team Member (2017-present)

- *Presenter to Staff: Arts Integration and Curriculum (2016-present)

J. Marlan Walker Elementary School / Music Specialist

January 2006-August 2007, Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV

- *Music Specialist for Kindergarten through Second Grades

Education

Lesley University / M.A.Ed. in Integrated Arts in the Classroom
Cambridge, MA, 2013

Southern Utah University/Leadership Certificate 16 hours
Cedar City, UT 2013

University of South Dakota / B.ME
Vermillion, SD, 2005

Leadership

Immediate Past President, Nevada Music Educators Association,
2025-present

Department Chair, K.O. Knudson Academy of Creative Arts, 2010-present

School Organizational Team Member, K.O. Knudson, 2019-present

Arts Integration Co-Chair, K.O. Knudson, 2020-present

Nevada Department of Education Leadership Network 2019-2020

Public Education Leadership Foundation, Cohort 2, 2016-2017

Middle School All-State Choir Co-Chair, Nevada Music Educators Association, 2015-2019

Clark County School District New Teacher Mentor, 2015-2019

Presentations

Arts Schools Network National Conference, San Diego 2026

Magnet Schools of America National Conference, New York City, 2024

Arts Schools Network National Conference, Washington D.C. 2023

The Smith Center's ConFABulation Summer Institute, Bringing the Core into Encore, 2019

The Smith Center's ConFABulation Summer Institute, Arts Integration Strategies, 2018

Magnet Schools of America National Conference, Hartford CT, Bringing the Core Into Encore, 2014

Magnet Schools of America National Conference, Indianapolis IN, 2010

Arts Integration Training, K.O. Knudson, Las Vegas, NV (2016-present)