

Megan Kirwin

Music Educator

Leadership Experience

Connecticut Music Educators Association

Immediate Past President June 2024-Present

- Part of the leadership team for Eastern Division Conference 2025, a bi-annual 1,500 person music education conference
- Serve as an advisor to the President and President-Elect **President 2021-2024**
- Managed and represented the largest music education organization of 800+ members in Connecticut
- Designated programming and funding for music educators and students in Connecticut
- Managed all public relations and communications for the organization
- Managed paid employees and volunteers
- Supervised 15 Board Members, including four large committees **Eastern Region Director 2019-2021**
- Managed and represent the Eastern Region (over 100 schools) of Connecticut to the Board of Directors
- Facilitated two audition days for over 800 students
- Facilitated two festivals with over 400 students at different sites
- Organized and coordinate insurance, budget, dates, and forms with CMEA office

Teaching Experience

Colchester Public Schools, Director of Bands, September 2024-Present

- Direct up to 60-student concert band culminating in four high profile performances a year
- Direct a 24 person jazz band culminating in four performances a year
- Direct multiple small ensembles consisting of two to eight students each covering all genres of music-classical, rock, alternative, etc.
- Direct a 20-30 person Pep Band at home football games and home basketball games, schedule, and direct after school rehearsals, order, and program music
- Teaching responsibilities include: CP Band, Honors Jazz Band, Music Theory, Percussion Ensemble
- Design and implement a new UCONN ECE course — *Popular Music and Diversity in America*

Tolland Public Schools, 6-12 Department Chair, September 2019-June 2024

- Supervised and administered budgets for the music departments of two schools across middle and high school grades

- Managed the alignment of the curriculum district-wide to make sure our schools met and exceeded state and national standards.
- Directed the creation and implementation of the a district-wide K-12 music standard, and an assessment/measurement system to ensure the meeting of district-wide future metrics are met
- Co-Chair of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Tolland Public Schools, Director of Bands, October 2005-June 2024

- Directed up to 90-student concert band culminating in 4 high profile events a semester
- Directed a 20-student jazz band culminating in 4 performances a semester
- Directed a 30 student Pep Band at 3 home football games and 2 home basketball games, schedule and direct after school rehearsals, order and program music
- Teaching responsibilities include: CP Band, CP Jazz Band, Beginning Guitar, Electric Piano, Independent Music Studies, and Music Theory
- Cooperating teacher for student teachers and graduate interns through the UCONN music education department
- Initial Support Teacher Training TEAM certified
- Student Council Advisor

Regional School District No.8 , Middle School Band Director, September

1999-October 2005

- Directed the middle school Concert Band consisting of 85-100 students in each ensemble
- Directed 25-30 student after school jazz band
- Taught group lessons
- Developed curriculum and taught grade general music classes

Education

University of Colorado at Boulder / Bachelor of Music Education, 1998

University of Hartford / Master of Music Education with an emphasis in Instrumental Conducting, 2012

Awards & Professional Memberships

Disney Outstanding Teacher Nominee
Tolland Teacher of the Year Nominee

National Association for Music Education
Connecticut Music Educators Association
American School Band Directors Association
Connecticut Arts Administrators Association
Kappa Kappa Psi