



# Benjamin D. Brueggen

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## Education Administration

**Philosophy:** To ensure a quality education for all students • To increase rigor and relevance in all academics • To create leaders for tomorrow • To provide a safe learning environment for everyone

## Instrumental and General Music Educator

**Philosophy:** Music students should be taught more than simply how to play an instrument; theory, aural skills, and music history should also be taught in the rehearsal setting. I believe the process is more important than the product. While the product can offer a temporary feeling of satisfaction, it is the process that actually offers life lasting skills and a sense of fulfillment for both teacher and student.

## Education and Licensure

<b>Master of Science:</b>	Secondary Education – Education Administration Certification University of Wisconsin – Platteville, Wisconsin, May 2014
<b>Bachelor of Science:</b>	Instrumental and General Music Education, Emphasis – Tuba University of Wisconsin – Platteville, Wisconsin, December 2008
<b>Licensure:</b>	Wisconsin Principal 51 Wisconsin Director of Instruction 11 Wisconsin Instrumental Music 506 Wisconsin General Music 515

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## Field Experience

### High School Band Director

- Clinton Community School District, Clinton, Wisconsin, Sept. 2012 – Present
  - Individual lessons to 100+ students, conducted high school symphonic and concert bands, marching band, pep band, and jazz band. Worked with 8<sup>th</sup> grade band for recruitment. Organized successful marching band performance, Holiday, Pops, and Spring Concerts. Successful fundraisers for trip to Florida in 2015 and new uniforms. Organized and hosted conference Honors Band. Collaboratively planned local Solo & Ensemble Festival. Successfully replaced 60+ year “legendary” director.

### High School Band Director-Elementary General Music Teacher

- Iowa-Grant School District, Livingston, Wisconsin, Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2012
  - Individual lessons to students despite block schedule with no study halls, conducted high school concert band, marching band, pep band, jazz band, and rock band. General music experience in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6. Created a very popular Guitar Exploration course at the high school level. Organized high school Christmas, Pops, and Spring concerts as well as marching field shows. Collaboratively organized the elementary Christmas program. Went from 15 students in band my first year to 50 my last year. Successfully planned and executed a band and choir trip to Memphis, TN in March 2012. Worked with music parents’ organization to fundraise thousands of dollars for the music program.

### Internship-High School Band Director

- Hartford Union High School, Hartford, Wisconsin, Sept. 2008 – Jan. 2009
  - Gave individual lessons to students throughout the semester
  - Conducted marching band, concert band, and jazz band concerts throughout the semester
  - Wrote marching drill for marching band

### Pre-student teaching

- Aldine Independent School District, Mac Arthur High School, Houston, Texas, Jan. 2008
  - Rehearsed middle school band
  - Rehearsed with two concert bands at the high school level
  - Worked with homogeneous and heterogeneous groups of instruments
  - Observed rehearsals at the middle and high school level

### Co-Head Varsity Softball Coach

- Cashton High School, Cashton, Wisconsin, Spring of 2009
  - Agreeing on team focuses, practice schedules, and all other details taken on by head coaches in a collaborative effort
  - All professional duties that include planning a detailed practice schedule, ordering team gear, equipment inventory and great communication of expectations to members of our softball team

**Activities & Honors**

- Rehearsed and conducted two pieces with UW-P’s symphony band - spring semester, 2008
- Marching Pioneers – Drum Major (2007) and Low Brass Section Leader (2006)
- NBA Collegiate Honors Band – 2007 & 2008
- Professionally committed member of performing ensembles at UW-Platteville:
  - Wind Ensemble (8 semesters)
  - Marching Pioneers (4 semesters)
  - Symphonietta (3 semesters)
  - Pioneer Brass Choir (5 semesters)
  - UW-P Brass Quintets (3 semesters)
  - Pioneer Jazz Orchestra (1 semester)
  - Symphony Band (1 semester)
  - University Singers (1 semester)
  - Chamber Choir (2 semesters)
- John Philip Sousa Award – High School

**Additional Work Experience**

Oct. 2005 – Present	Quintet Musician	Class Brass Quintet	Platteville, WI
June 2008 – Aug. 2008	Shop Laborer	Omni Glass & Paint	Oshkosh, WI
May – Aug. 2006 & 2007	Feed Mill Laborer	Heartland Country Co-op	Cashton, WI
June – July 2005	Softball Coach	Village of Cashton	Cashton, WI

**Professional Affiliations**

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), Member  
 Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA), Member  
 National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Member

**References**

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 Middle School Band Director/General Music Teacher  
 Iowa-Grant School District  
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 High School Principal/Athletic Director  
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