

# Benjamin D. Brueggen

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## Education Administration

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

### Education and Licensure

<b>Master of Science:</b>	Secondary Education – Educational 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 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, jazz band and taught Guitar Exploration. Team taught 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Concert, and Symphonic bands. Organized successful marching band performances, holiday, MIOSM, and spring concerts. Lead CHS band in raising around \$100,000 during my tenure. Successful Florida trip 2 times, WI Dells Trip 3 times, purchased new uniforms; \$90,000 purchase. Organized and hosted conference Honors Band. Collaboratively planned local and district Solo & Ensemble Festivals. Implemented Fine Arts Band Award system. Created and implemented the “Practice Makes Progress” system. Successfully replaced 62 year “legendary” director and honored her career at the 2016 Spring Concert. Created the Band Backers organization to help with fundraising and uniform care. Countless students who advanced to state S&E (14 Events in 2020), one student who earned exemplary soloist award 3 times in HS career, and one student who was accepted to State Honors Orchestra in 2020.

### Head Counselor- Pioneer Band Camp

- UW-Platteville, Platteville, Wisconsin June 2015, July 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, (Covid)
  - In charge of all Counselors and @ 100 students, organized facility use on campus, organized evening activities, in charge of discipline, main contact for parents in case of emergencies, worked closely with camp director to create a successful experience for all students.

### Interim Dean of Students

- Clinton Community School District, Clinton, Wisconsin, January 2015 - March 2015
  - In charge of attendance for all Clinton High School Students and Online Learning progress. Followed attendance policies, sent truancy letters, scheduled and executed individual meetings with students and parents about attendance. Tracked online learning progress, met with students regularly to ensure support, contacted parents of online learning students to ensure progress goals were being met.

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

- Iowa-Grant School District, Livingston, Wisconsin, September 2009 - August 2012
  - Individual lessons to students despite a 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, September 2008 - January 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, MacArthur 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**

- National Board Certification Candidate 2018
- Awarded for “Making an enduring impact on the life of CHS Students” Voted on by the Students- December 2017
- 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 – 2012	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

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