

Karen O'Neal Graffius

Professional Summary

Seventeen years experience and success working with middle school choruses. Extensive experience with elementary general music and high school chorus. A leader among choral directors in Forsyth county, GA and in Georgia Music Educators Association District 9.

Skills

Excellent pianist

Musical director for numerous musicals

Level 1 and 2 Orff Certification

Active performer

Dedicated teacher

Competitive

Work History

Assistant Professor of Music/Assistant Choral Director

The University of West Georgia, 8/2019 to present

Choral Director, 08/2002 to Current

Liberty Middle School – Cumming, GA

Music Teacher, 08/1998 to 01/2001

Rock Springs Elementary School – La Vergne, TN

Music Teacher, 08/1995 to 06/1998

LaVergne Primary School – La Vergne, TN

Music Teacher, 08/1994 to 06/1995

Lawrenceburg Public Elementary School – Lawrenceburg, TN

Music Teacher, 08/1991 to 06/1992

Christ Episcopal School – Covington, LA

Choral Director, 08/1985 to 06/1991

McKinley High School – Baton Rouge, LA

Education

Ph.D.: Music Education, 1988

Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, LA

Master of Music Education: Vocal Music Education, 1984

Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, LA

Bachelor of Music: Vocal Music Education, 1981

Louisiana College - Pineville, LA

Leadership Experience

Serve on the Forsyth County Fine Arts Advisory Team from 2016 - 2019.

Elected to and served on the Leadership Team at Liberty Middle School from 2014 - 2017.

Chairman of the Connections team at Liberty Middle School from 2014-2017.

Organizing Chair for the Forsyth County Honor Chorus from 2013-2017.

Organizing Chair for the Louisiana Music Educators Association District IV Solo and Ensemble Festival,

1991.

Chairman for the LMEA District IV Vocal Music Teacher's Organization from 1987-1990.

Awards and Honors

Liberty Middle Eighth Grade Chorus invited to perform at the 2019 GMEA In-Service Conference

Conducted the 2016 GMEA District 9 Middle School Mixed Chorus

Liberty Middle Eighth Grade Chorus invited to perform at the 2015 GMEA In-Service Conference.

Conducted the 2014 Forsyth County Sixth Grade Honor Chorus

Conducted the 2012 GMEA District 9 Middle School Treble Chorus

Conducted the 2009 Forsyth County Middle School Treble Honor Chorus

Finalist for Liberty Middle School's Teacher of the Year, 2003

Rock Springs Elementary School Teacher of the Year, 1998-99

Conducted the 1990 East Baton Rouge All-Parish Middle School Honor Chorus

Choral Director of the Year, East Baton Rouge Parish, 1990