



Darla McBryde is the Assistant Director of Bands and the Associate Director of the Bearkat Marching Band. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Ms. McBryde previously served as the Director of Bands and Fine Arts Department Chair at Timber Creek High School in Keller ISD, as the Assistant Band Director at Keller High School, and as an Assistant Band Director and Colorguard Director at Flower Mound High School in Lewisville ISD.

During her seventeen years of teaching high school concert bands of all levels, her ensembles earned twenty-two consecutive UIL Concert and Sight-reading First Division Awards. In 2016, the Timber Creek High School Wind Symphony was awarded the opportunity to perform at the Western International Band Clinic. Other concert highlights include, the Timber Creek High School Saxophone Ensemble Showcase performance at the 2019 Texas Music Educators Association Conference and the Keller Chamber Winds Performance at the 2012 Midwest Clinic.

Ms. McBryde has enjoyed sharing her love of the marching arts with her students. Under her direction, the Timber Creek High School Marching Band flourished, earning Superior Ratings at all UIL Marching Contests and becoming consistent finalists at Bands of America Texas Regionals and at UIL Area Marching Contests. Her JV and Varsity colorguards at Flower Mound High School were perennial medalists at the North Texas Colorguard Association Championships from 2002 to 2008, and they were regular Scholastic A finalists and medalists at Winterguard International Regionals. In 2008, the Flower Mound High School Colorguard earned fifth place in Scholastic A at the Winterguard International World Championships.

Ms. McBryde holds a Master of Music degree in Instrumental Conducting from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Baylor University where she studied bassoon. Her performance experience includes performing in the Baylor University Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, Chamber ensembles, and Waco Symphony. Ms. McBryde also performed with the 1999 Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps as a colorguard member.

Ms. McBryde enjoys serving as a Marching Band, Concert Band, and Chamber Ensemble adjudicator, and she has presented clinics at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention, the Midwest Clinic, and the Women Band Directors International Convention. Her favorite topics include: Self Care Tips for Busy Music Directors, and Colorguard and Movement Basics for Band Directors.

Personal accolades earned throughout her career include, Timber Creek's Creative Impact Award and Fine Arts Teacher of the Year, Flower Mound High School's Teacher of the Month and Principal's Shining Star, and Lewisville ISD's Golden Apple Award.

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