

Whit Blount has served as the band director at his alma mater, Myers Park High School in Charlotte, since 2006. Prior to his appointment at Myers Park, Mr. Blount was the band director at Alexander Graham Middle School from 2001-2006. Mr. Blount graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Trumpet Performance degree in 2000, then earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching from UNC-CH in 2001. During his time in Chapel Hill, Mr. Blount studied Trumpet with Mr. James Ketch, Conducting with Dr. Michael Votta and Mr. Tonu Kalam, and student taught under the supervision of Dr. Jerome Markoch at (Raleigh) Athens Drive High School. In his first position at Alexander Graham MS, the band program doubled in size under Mr. Blount's leadership, with the band director position growing from a half time to a full time position. At Myers Park, he supervises a comprehensive band program that includes an award-winning after-school marching band, two concert bands, percussion ensemble, a jazz band, and an Advanced Placement Music Theory course. Mr. Blount served as Chair of the Myers Park Performing Arts Department from 2013-2016; and again 2018-present.

The bands at MP have earned many "superior" ratings, and have been praised by adjudicators for their exuberance and passion in performance. The MP Wind Ensemble has twice been invited to perform at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte. Students from the MP bands earn performance chairs in the South Central District and All-State Honor Bands, as well as West Region and All-State Jazz Bands. Many current and former students have marched with Drum Corps International.

Mr. Blount is in-demand as a teacher, conductor, and clinician outside of Myers Park. He was clinician to the Union County Honor Band in 2017, and will conduct the NC South Central District Honor Band in 2020. He has also led training and professional development for other band directors in CMS

Mr. Blount is also passionate about Music Theory, serving as Master Teacher in that subject for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, and as an exam grader each summer for The College Board. He also serves nationally on the Instructional Design Team for AP Music Theory, and was recently invited to serve on the Exam Development Committee.

Mr. Blount is a member Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, The North Carolina Bandmasters Association, The South Central District Bandmasters Association, The North Carolina Music Educators Association, and The National Association for Music Education. He continues play Trumpet in Charlotte, both professionally for hire and as a member of several community ensembles, such as the Charlotte Concert Band. He has been married to his wife Dannielle for 15 years. They currently reside in Charlotte with their 2 sons, Ethan (14) and Austin (11).