

Beth Davies

Beth (Sheldon) Davies began her teaching career in 2000 in Cedar Rapids teaching orchestra and band, followed by three years as the middle school band director in Anamosa, Iowa. For the last 13 years, Mrs. Davies has taught at Franklin Middle School in Cedar Rapids where she directs the 6th and 8th grade concert bands, Jazz Band One, and teaches band lessons. On top of her teaching duties, she also serves as the K-12 Music Curriculum Facilitator for the Cedar Rapids School District. During the summer months she plays clarinet and acts as the Publicity Manager for the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band. In her free time Mrs. Davies loves to read, hike, bike, travel and spend time with family and friends. Beth's husband, Michael Davies, is the 8th grade band director at Prairie Point Middle School. Together they have a 21-month old son named James.

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Education

Master of Arts in Educational Psychology, University of Iowa, *Magna cum laude*, 2008

Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, Coe College, *Cum laude*, 2000

Teacher Leadership Philosophy

Collaborate with other instrumental music teachers across the district to provide the best learning opportunities possible for our students by continuing my own education, being open to new ideas, and being a strong positive example.

Leadership Experience

Professional Learning Community Leader 2008-2014

- ♦ Plan and lead district in-service meetings for the Cedar Rapids middle school band staff.
- ♦ Record and send minutes from each meeting.
- ♦ Attended the PLC conference in Minneapolis, MN and the Mike Mattos conference in St. Louis, MO.

Curriculum Writer 2011 and 2012

- ♦ Collaborated with other eighth grade PARRT teachers to write our current eighth grade PARRT curriculum.
- ♦ Led the writing of the middle school band curriculum, student learning expectations and priority standards.

Public Relations Manager for the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band 2014-present

- ♦ Generate and disseminate all external CRMB communications and performance notifications via multiple media channels. Regularly update the organization's web-site and social media pages.
- ♦ Oversee design and distribution of promotional posters and mailings with the season's schedule.
- ♦ Solicit donations from local businesses.

Franklin Resolution Committee Member and Secretary 2010-2015

Franklin Social Committee Member and Chair 2006-2014

- ♦ Revitalized the Franklin Social Committee by soliciting new membership, planning monthly outings, pot-luck lunches and three annual staff parties, and creating a welcome for new staff members.

Teaching Experience

Middle School Band Director at Franklin Middle School 2004-present

- ♦ Direct the sixth and eighth grade bands, the audition-only Jazz Band 1, and teach lessons.
- ♦ Oversee all organizational aspects of the sixth-eighth grade band department.
- ♦ Jazz Band I has placed in the top three at local jazz band competitions each year since 2005.
- ♦ Participation in the band program has grown 20% since 2004, moving Franklin from the third largest program in the district to the largest. Added a second jazz band in 2008, making Franklin the only middle school in the district with two jazz bands.

Teaching Experience, continued

- ◆ Quadrupled the band instrument inventory since 2004 allowing more lower socio-economic students the opportunity to participate in band.
- ◆ Regular volunteer and scorekeeper for athletic events, oversee the production of the yearbook, and serve on the Magazine Fund Committee.

Adjunct Professor at Coe College, Cedar Rapids Iowa 2011-present

- ◆ Developed the curriculum for Upper Woodwind Techniques, a class designed for music education majors, and currently teach the class. This curriculum has now been adopted for the other instrument techniques classes.

Judge for Solo and Ensemble and Large-Group Contests 2004-present

Middle School Band Director at West Middle School, Anamosa, Iowa 2001-2004

- ◆ Nominated for the Channel Nine "A + for Education" award in 2003.

Private lesson instructor for piano and clarinet 1999- 2008

Orchestra Director at Roosevelt Middle School 2000-2001

Fifth Grade Band Director at St. Matthew's Elementary School 2000-2001

Summer lesson instructor at Wilson Middle School 2000-2001

Coaching Experience

Boys Tennis Coach at Franklin Middle School 2010-2013

Performance Experience

Accompanist for Solo and Ensemble Contests 1992-present

Member of the audition-only Cedar Rapids Municipal Band 2000-present

Member of the Cedar Rapids Community Strings 2014-present

Member of the Marion Community Band 2000-2003

Piano player for the Sip-n-Stir Restaurant 2003-2004

Featured soloist with the Anamosa High School Concert Band May 2002

Volunteer Experience

Big Sister for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program 2012-2016

Cedar Rapids Animal Shelter 2010-2013

Professional and Honorary Organizations

Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association current member

- ◆ NEIBA Honor Band Selection Committee. 2003- present

- ◆ Large group contest judge. 2009- present

Iowa Bandmasters Association current member

Jazz Educators of Iowa current member

Mortar Board National Honor Society current member

Tri-M National Music Honor Society current member