



Dr. Curtis Melton is the Director of Bands at Legacy High School, in North Las Vegas, NV, as part of the Clark County School District.

Prior to his appointment as director of bands at Legacy High School in 2013, he was the Director of Bands at Cimarron-Memorial High School from 2008-2013, and the Director of Bands at Boulder City High School in Boulder City, NV from 2005-2008. He was also the choral director for one year while at Boulder City High School, during the 2007-08 school year. Additionally, he is an alumnus of Silverado High School in Las Vegas.

Curtis received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees all at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Facing the Music: Student Power Relations in Student Leadership Within High School Band Programs" examined student leadership within high school band programs and what students experience when they lead or are led within a band "hierarchy". He plans on continuing his research in the coming future.

As a UNLV undergraduate, he performed in numerous ensembles including: the UNLV "Star Of Nevada" Marching Band, the UNLV Symphonic Winds, played the electric bass, keyboards, drums, and alto saxophone for the UNLV "Runnin' Rebel" Basketball Pep Band, and performed in numerous percussion ensembles, including marimba bands and steel drum ensembles. For his 2004 junior recital, he performed an original work for jazz combo entitled "Enflarage".

Curtis received his Drum Major Elite certification in June of 2001, and was on the instructional staff for the UNLV "Star of Nevada" Drum Major and Marching Auxiliaries Camp in 2002 and 2003. He is currently on the teaching staff of the Las Vegas Student Leadership Camp (LVSLC) from 2009 to present, which prepares and trains drum majors and student leaders from high school bands across Clark County.

Dr. Melton was honored in the December 2009 issue of School Band and Orchestra Magazine (SBO Magazine), in their annual "50 Directors That Make A Difference" feature. In this article, one band or orchestra director is chosen from each state. In 2009, Dr. Melton was chosen for the state of Nevada as one of the 50 directors honored from across the country.

Dr. Melton is also a published composer and active arranger. His original marching band shows "Boundaries" and "Twisted" are published through Gary P. Gilroy Marching Band Publications. (<http://gpgmusic.com>) He is currently working on a new marching band show for possible publication for 2013, as well as marketing his works written for concert band to concert band publishers.

Under Curtis's direction, his bands have earned numerous honors and caption awards from local Las Vegas marching band competitions in the 2005 through 2012 seasons. For the first time in at least 10 years, the Cimarron-Memorial High School Band scored high enough in preliminary competition to perform in the Finals Competition at the 2010 Las Vegas Invitational. More

recently, the band ended up placing among the top three bands in the AAA division by the final competition in the 2012 season, as well as earlier in the same season receiving the highest score that the CMHS band had received in many years.

The symphonic bands at BCHS and CMHS have also performed well under Dr. Melton's direction. His symphonic bands have received numerous "Superior" ratings at the annual CCSD Band Festivals, from 2006 to present. In 2012, the Cimarron-Memorial Symphonic Band received a "I+" in sight-reading.

Also under Dr. Melton's direction, two ensembles that had not been active in years were revived over his tenure at Cimarron-Memorial. The CMHS Winter Guard was revived and revamped in the 2009 season, and competed in the SNIPGA (Southern Nevada Indoor Percussion and Guard Association) competitive circuit. The CMHS Jazz Ensemble also was revived in 2011, and participated in CCSD Jazz Band Festival for the first time in 4 years in 2012.

Additionally, he appeared in the faculty musical scholarship productions at Cimarron-Memorial. In 2009 he was the Wizard in "Once Upon A Mattress", in 2010 he was Rapunzel's Prince in "Into The Woods", and in 2011 he was honored to play the role of Willy Wonka in "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory".

He has been a member of National Association for Music Education since 2005, and served as President of the Southern Nevada Band Association for the 2010-11 school year. In 2009-10, he served as Co-Vice President.

If there are any questions for Dr. Melton during your son/daughter's tenure in the Legacy High School Band Program – please contact him at cmelton@interact.ccsd.net.

