

Fremd High School Band Directors – 2022-2023

Matthew Moore is in his 22nd year as the Director of Bands at Fremd High School. In addition to overseeing the Fremd Band program, he teaches the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, weekly sectionals, and co-teaches the Viking Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Lab Band.

Prior to FHS he taught band at Meridian Jr. High, Stillman Valley High School, and Harry D. Jacobs High School. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Streamwood High School and earned three degrees from Northern Illinois University - Bachelor of Music Education, Masters of Music, and Masters of Educational Administration. He was fortunate to have studied under many outstanding music educators including: Steven Squires, Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, Dr. Ronnie Wooten, Robert Chappell, Rich Holly, Jeff Stitely, Cliff Alexis, and G. Alan O'Connor. As a professional percussionist and drummer, he has performed in numerous ensembles and productions throughout the Chicagoland area.

During Mr. Moore's tenure the Fremd Band program grew from 130 to over 280 students. The 2022-2023 school year marks the 17th consecutive year of over 200 students enrolled in the Fremd Band program. Mr. Moore also served as Music Department Chair for seven years at FHS. Under his direction the Fremd Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, and Viking Marching Band have received numerous accolades and "Division 1/Superior" ratings both in and out of state. Under Mr. Moore's direction the Fremd Jazz Ensemble was awarded numerous "Division 1/Superior" ratings throughout jazz festivals in Illinois, Missouri, Florida, and California. The band was selected to perform at the ILMEA 2017 IMEC, and also awarded top honors in their division at the 2017 "Jazz in the Meadows" festival.

Mr. Moore has been awarded two District 211 Board of Education "Recognition of Excellence Awards", "Citation of Excellence" Awards from the National Band Association, the Quinlan and Fabish "Outstanding Music Educator Award", and also nominated for the Golden Apple Award. He has been a guest conductor/clinician for numerous IGSMA junior high festivals, ILMEA District 9 Junior Jazz Festival, ISYM Junior High Band, and the U-46 Middle School Honors Band (twice). For many years he proudly served as the ILMEA District 7 Assistant and Head Band Representative. He is a member of ILMEA and NBA. Outside of teaching he enjoys the outdoors, as well as spending time with wife and two teenagers.

J. T. Teichert is in his seventh year as Band Director at FHS, and third year as Music Department Chair. His responsibilities include teaching Music Production, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, and Jazz Combo while co-teaching Viking Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and student sectionals. Mr. Teichert's music education career started at Wheeling High School in 2011, where he contributed to the Wildcat Marching Band as a saxophone and percussion assistant. In 2013, he started directing Wheeling High School's Jazz Band 2 and was later hired as Assistant Director of Bands in 2015. His responsibilities included leading Symphony Band and Jazz Band 2, while assisting with Wind Symphony, Jazz Band 1, Jazz Combo, and Marching Band. He assisted the Wheeling High School Wind Symphony and Jazz Combo in performances at The Midwest Clinic, Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, and The Music for All National Concert Band Festival.

Ensembles under Mr. Teichert's direction have earned recognition at various concert and jazz festivals. He is proud to have assisted the Fremd Wind Symphony for performances at the Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival and Illinois Music Education Conference. His proudest achievement is the musical and personal growth of his incredible students. He graduated with a degree in Music Education from DePaul University, Mr. Teichert completed his Master's in Music Education from VanderCook College, and is working towards a Master's in Educational Leadership from DePaul University.

Mr. Teichert has performed or collaborated with a variety of established musicians and groups including: Wayne Bergeron, Benny Golson, Randy Brecker, John Fedchock, Haley Reinhart, Jack Symes, Bob Lark Alumni Band, Tom Matta Big Band, and Mark Colby Quartet. He has had the opportunity to perform at notable venues including: Joe and Wayne Segal's Jazz Showcase, Chicago Symphony Center, Phyllis's Musical Inn, Lincoln Hall, Golden Dagger, Reggie's Rock Club, Montreux Jazz Festival, and Umbria Jazz Festival. Mr. Teichert is a member of ILMEA, NBA, JEN, and NafME. Outside of Fremd he enjoys writing and recording original music and spending time with his incredible family, Chelsie, Pia, and Coco.