

# BRITTANY PFAFF

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## Objective:

To obtain a teaching position in music education that enables me to create culturally and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities that support the unique needs of each student.

## Education

2016	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification
2014	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Bachelor of Arts in Music/Liberal Studies Minor

## Music Educator Experience

2017-Present	<b>Palmyra-Eagle Area School District</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elementary band teacher at both Palmyra and Eagle Elementary Schools.</li><li>Teaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band rehearsals.</li><li>Teaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade small group lessons.</li><li>Helps students prepare for concerts throughout the school year.</li><li>Collaborates with district music educators to align benchmarks.</li></ul>	
2016-2017	<b>Whitewater Unified School District</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taught grades K-5 General Music at Lakeview Elementary.</li><li>Helped students prepare for winter and spring concerts.</li><li>Assisted 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in their preparation for Opera for the Young.</li><li>Implemented the Feierabend method, as well as Orff and Kodaly.</li><li>Cooperated with elementary music team to reconstruct report card criteria based on National Standards.</li><li>Planned a composition unit for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, involving classroom and band instruments that aligned with National Standards.</li><li>Collaborated with district music teachers to align benchmarks at each elementary school.</li><li>Taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir at Lakeview Elementary.</li><li>Taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade band at Lakeview, Lincoln, and Washington Elementary.</li><li>Helped 5<sup>th</sup> grade band students prepare for grade level concerts and district-wide performances, such as Band-o-rama and Pepapalooza.</li><li>Taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade band lessons</li><li>Set up band recruitment for the following school year.</li><li>Collaborated with art teacher to put on a fine arts night.</li></ul>	
2016-Present	<b>Elkhorn Area School District</b>	<b>Summer School Teacher</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teaches band lessons during summer school sessions.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborates with elementary band teacher to align benchmarks and summer end goals.</li> <li>• Teaches both large and small group lessons.</li> <li>• Teaches students entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>Janesville Parker High School</b>	<b>Student Teacher</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Wileman/Darien Elementary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught grades K-5 using the Quaver interactive curriculum.</li> <li>• Collaborated with cooperating teacher to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade students recorder.</li> <li>• Collaborated with classroom teachers in to effectively teach students with special needs.</li> <li>• Planned an interesting music history unit for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders involving different modes of learning such as singing, listening, movement, and discussion.</li> <li>• Assisted with preparing grades K-5 with upcoming spring concert.</li> </ul>	<b>Student Teacher</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Lincoln Elementary School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted grades 4-5 with an innovative composition project.</li> <li>• Taught Kindergartner lessons involving learning songs by rote and movement.</li> </ul>	<b>Practicum Student Teacher</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Edgerton Middle School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted 7<sup>th</sup> grade band.</li> <li>• Led small lesson groups involving concert music and method books.</li> </ul>	<b>Practicum Student Teacher</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Delavan-Darien High School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught flute lessons.</li> <li>• Led woodwind sectionals.</li> </ul>	<b>Practicum Student Teacher</b>
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>Instrument Try Outs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted with helping 4<sup>th</sup> grade students identify what instrument they want to start the following year.</li> <li>• Demonstrated proper playing position for different instruments.</li> <li>• Helped to create balanced instrument sections.</li> </ul>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>2013-2015</b>	<b>Elkhorn Area 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help observe over 120 students.</li> <li>• Repaired instruments</li> <li>• Assisted percussion section.</li> </ul>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>2012-Present</b>	<b>Flute Teacher</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared students for Solo and Ensemble Contest.</li> <li>• Worked with students on method book assignments.</li> <li>• Assisted students with concert repertoire.</li> </ul>	<b>Private Studio</b>

**Organizations**

**2015-Present** National Association for Music Educators

**Honors & Awards**

- 2016            Graduated with honors- Magna Cum Laude
- 2015            UW Whitewater Concerto Competition Winner
- 2005            John Philip Sousa Award

**Performance Experience**

- 2009-2016      UW Whitewater Symphony Orchestra      Flute/Piccolo
- 2014-2015      UW Whitewater Pit Orchestra              Flute/Piccolo
- 2007-2016      UW Whitewater Flute Choir                Flute/Piccolo
- 2007-2009      Symphonic Wind Ensemble                Flute
- 2005-2006      Huskie Marching Band-NIU                Piccolo
- 2005-Present   Elkhorn Holton Community Band        Flute/Piccolo

**Professional Summary**

Extensive customer service experience that has better prepared me for mentoring others by adapting to their individual learning styles.

**Other Work Experience**

- 2015-2017      Chatty Kathy's                                Store Clerk
  
- 2011-2016      Aurora Lakeland Medical Center            Certified Nursing Assistant

**References**

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