

# CARRIE S. CRUZ

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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Student Music Education - Auburn University

Expected graduation date May 2025

Research focus - Demographics and access to elementary music in major cities of the southeastern United States.

Education Specialist in Music Education - Auburn University

May 2023

Research focus - Demographics and access to elementary music in a major city in Alabama.

Master of Music Education - Auburn University

August 2021

Master of Curriculum and Teaching - Arizona State University

May 2003

Bachelor of Instrumental Music Education - Auburn University

May 2001

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## HONORS/AWARDS

Lacey Powell Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award

Alabama Music Educators Association 2022

American Center for Elemental Music and Movement Orff Ensemble recipient for the Alabama Chapter of American Orff Schulwerk Association 2019

Hueytown "Race for Education" Grant to purchase a sound system to use in the music classroom and school performances at North Highland Elementary School 2019

National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certificate, Early/Middle Childhood Music renewed 2018

Teacher of the Year North Highland Elementary School 2016

Second Mile Teacher North Highland Elementary School 2016

Jefferson County Education Association Grant to purchase NoteKnacks music manipulatives for North Highland Elementary School 2010

Hueytown Education Grant to purchase a laptop for North Highland Elementary School 2009

Airborne Grant to purchase a world drumming set for North Highland Elementary School 2006

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Professor of Music, Lamar State College Orange, Orange, Texas

- Online music appreciation course
- Attends online professional development

Elementary Music Teacher, Jefferson County Schools

McCalla Elementary School, Bessemer, AL 2021-present

Hueytown Primary School (formerly North Highland), Hueytown, AL 2020-2021

Brighton Elementary School, Bessemer, AL 2018-2020

North Highland Elementary School, Hueytown, AL 2005-2020

Concord Elementary School, Hueytown, AL 2005-2018

- PreK-5th grade general music teacher
- 4th and 5th grade choir director
- 6th grade beginning band director
- Elementary Music Leadership Council
- New teacher mentor
- Scheduling committee
- Hispanic Heritage Month Committee
- Spelling Bee Committee
- Guidance Advisory Council
- Attendance Support Team
- Creates lesson plans aligned with the local, state, and national Course of Study for music
- Organizes choir and grade level performances
- Organizes field trips to musical performances
- Invites parents to participate in music class and select performances
- Collaborates with teachers of other subjects
- Leads professional development for the district
- Organizes an annual Veteran's Day program
- Jefferson County Music Festival committee and conductor
- Organizes fundraisers and writes grants
- Maintains a budget to purchase instruments and supplies
- Summer school teacher (reading and math)

Band Director, Andalusia Middle School, Andalusia, Alabama 2003-2004

- 6th-8th grade middle school band director

- Assisted with the high school marching band
- Lead the band in the stands at football games
- Performed concerts
- Participated in Music Performance Assessment
- Judged All-State auditions and Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Organized fundraisers
- Maintain a budget to purchase instruments and supplies

Elementary Music Teacher and Beginning Band Director, Tempe Elementary School District, Tempe, Arizona

Frank School 2001-2003

Wood School 2002-2003

Holdeman School 2001-2002

- Kindergarten-5th grade general music teacher
- 5th grade beginning band director
- Participated in District band festival
- General music and band performances
- Latin Percussion Ensemble sponsor
- Reading and math tutor
- Summer school teacher (reading and math)

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### **PROFESSIONAL or UNIVERSITY SERVICE/TRAINING**

Teaching Online Certificate, Quality Matters 2023

Kodaly Level III Certificate, University of Montevallo 2022

Orff-Schulwerk Level III and Master Certificate, Florida State University (I), Samford University (II, III), Gwinnett County, GA (Master) 2021

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### **CONFERENCES**

Florida Music Educators Association Conference, Tampa, FL, 2021

*Pop Rhythms* presentation for Elementary Music

Alabama Music Educators Association Conference, Birmingham, AL, 2021

*Pop Rhythms* presentation for Elementary Music

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### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Orff Schulwerk Association (AOSA)

- Fund Development Committee

Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE)

Alabama Chapter of AOSA

- Chapter President 2016-2018
- President-elect 2014-2016
- Treasurer 2011-2016

Sweet Home Alabama Kodaly Educators (SHAKE)

Birmingham Community Concert Band Association

- Board member

College Music Society

Alabama Conference of Educators