

Taylor Williamson Bio

Jonathon Taylor Williamson is in his ninth year of teaching and fifth year as Director of Bands at Wiley Middle School. Prior to coming to Leander ISD in 2018, he was the Director of Bands at both Richardson North Junior High and Forest Meadow Junior High in the Richardson ISD in Richardson, Texas.

At Wiley Middle School, Mr. Williamson teaches the Wind Ensemble, assists with the Symphonic and Concert bands, and teaches beginning trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Since beginning his career in music education, Mr. Williamson's bands have achieved UIL Sweepstakes ratings, as well as unanimous first division ratings. Over the past five years of leading the Wiley Band, the program has grown from just under 200 students to now consistently having 300+ students in band each year, which is usually 40-50% of the total student population. In 2022, the Wiley Wind Ensemble earned the distinction as a National Wind Band Honors Class AA winner. Most recently, the Wiley Middle School Wind Ensemble was named the 2023 TMEA Class CC Honor Band.

Mr. Williamson is an active clinician for several local band programs and is a yearly conductor and clinician at several summer band camps throughout Texas including the Baylor University and Sam Houston State University summer music camps.

In 2014, Mr. Williamson graduated summa cum laude receiving his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. While at Baylor, he studied under Dr. Eric Wilson, Dr. Isaiah Odajima, Wiff Rudd, and Mark Schubert and was a member of the Baylor Symphony Orchestra, Baylor Wind Ensemble, and award-winning Baylor Trumpet Ensembles. In 2014 Mr. Williamson received the Presser Foundation Scholar award for outstanding collegiate musicianship and academic excellence.

Mr. Williamson is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Bandmasters Association. He enjoys motivating young musicians to reach their highest level of performance by sharing his extreme love and passion for music with them on a daily basis. He feels honored, privileged, and extremely blessed to have had many great mentors, band directors, and close friends who have influenced his career thus far.

Mr. Williamson currently lives in Liberty Hill, Texas with his wife, Emily Williamson, current Music Specialist at Santa Rita Ranch Elementary in Liberty Hill ISD, and his dog-daughter, Lady. Outside of teaching band, Mr. Williamson is an active professional photographer.