



Katy Briel

Katy Briel is in her 23rd year as Band Director currently at Clark-Pleasant Middle School in Greenwood, IN where she teaches all middle school bands and assists with the Whiteland Community High School Marching Band & Leadership Team. Before her position with the Clark-Pleasant bands, Katy was band director at Lincoln Junior High School in Plymouth Indiana for 2 years.

For the past 12 years, Katy has been the band director coordinator for the Drum Corp International INpact Band: Indiana's Future Band of middle school students that perform at DCI World Championships in Indianapolis each year. She is also a part of the expansion for the DCI Bandtastic weekends across the country. She is a member of the Leadership Staff for the Crossroads Drum Major and Leadership Clinic and was a staff member for the Indiana Ambassadors of Music where she has been a director on 4 European tours and on staff for the Indiana Musician's Abroad 2023/2025 European tours as well.

Ms. Briel is the co-coordinator for the Indiana Junior All-State Band and the Membership Coordinator for the Indiana Music Education Association. Ms. Briel also serves on the ISSMA State Board and is a member of Phi Beta Mu. Katy also served at the 2024 Music for All Summer Symposium with the Middle School Concert Band Track. She was named the 2024-2025 Indiana's Music Educator of the year through NFHS and the 2025-2026 Indiana Music Educator of Excellence through IMEA.

In addition to her passion for teaching, she enjoys living a life of service and was a 2013 TOMS shoe ticket-to-give winner which led her to a giving trip at Hogar de Ninos Emanuel in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Katy received her bachelor's degree in music education from Ball State University in 2004. In addition to being a band director, she loves playing her horn and has an active private lesson horn studio on the south side of Indianapolis where she resides with her husband and 2 dogs Watson & Oliver. Her husband Josh is a trombone player and in Indy's New Orlean's Style Brass Band.