

Ann G. Smith – Director of Orchestras at Plano East Senior High School

Ann G. Smith began her orchestra training in Troy, Ohio at the age of twelve playing the violin. Mrs. Smith studied music education at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio and in 1994 graduated with a BME. Shortly after graduation Mrs. Smith moved to Texas to begin her teaching career in the Fort Worth ISD, where she taught for four years at Paschal High School and McLean Middle School as well as serve as Associate Director of the String Orchestra with the Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth.

In 1998, she began work at Martin High School in Arlington ISD. During her nine years there she worked with the Philharmonic and Concert II Orchestras and earned consistent sweepstakes ratings at UIL Orchestra Contest. Additionally, the Philharmonic Orchestra began performing as a full orchestra ensemble and was the first non-varsity full orchestra to participate in Region V UIL Orchestra Contest and receive a sweepstakes rating. This orchestra also earned division one ratings at many national orchestra festivals.

In 2007, Mrs. Smith began work on her Masters of Music Education Degree and Performance Certificate in Conducting at The University of Texas at Arlington. Her Performance Certificate work has been under the direction of Dr. Clifton Evans. During her studies at UTA, Mrs. Smith has been awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, the TMEA Graduate Scholarship and the Perry R. Bass Graduate Fellowship. From 2008 – 2014 Ann Smith was the Director of Orchestras at Flower Mound High School. During her tenure at Flower Mound High School, the orchestras has received consistent UIL Sweepstakes ratings and has been name a finalist in the TMEA Honor Orchestra Competition for several years. In 2013 the Flower Mound High School Chamber Orchestra was selected to perform at the 67th Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago Illinois.

In 2014, Mrs. Smith continued her work as Director of Orchestras in Plano ISD at Plano East Senior High School and in her time at Plano East the orchestras have seen growth, significant collaboration within the music department, and UIL Sweepstakes Ratings. In 2018, she began working as Program Director for the University of Texas at Arlington Summer Strings Orchestra Camp, an intensive week-long camp with 350 student participants.

Mrs. Smith is currently serving as the TMEA Orchestra Division Vice-President, a member of Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Orchestra Directors Association and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association, American String Teachers Association, and is currently serving on the TMAA Committee on Standards of Adjudication and Performance Practices. She served as a member and chair of the UIL PML New Music Committee, Region 24 Orchestra Chair, Region V high school orchestra coordinator, Region 24 Orchestra Division Secretary and Region 24 Vice President. In addition to her region and school duties, Ann is an active clinician and adjudicator.

Mrs. Smith has been married to her wonderful husband, Phil, for 28 years. She has two children Andrew 28, and Thomas 25. In her spare time she likes to volunteer for her church, shop, workout, and spend quality time with her family.