



**A Culture of Excellence in the Small School
Band Program: Building Depth through
Vertical Alignment and Team Teaching**

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END GOAL FOR STUDENT MUSICIANS:

- To develop an appreciation for excellence through the medium of music

ARGYLE ISD SCHOOL STRUCTURE:

- Elementary school K-3
- Intermediate school 4-5
- Middle school 6-8
- High school 9-12

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN, SOME SCHOOLS SEEM TO HAVE IT ALL; HOWEVER, EVERY SCHOOL HAS ITS DIFFERENT CHALLENGES:

- Hyper-involved students and parents
- Small numbers – small pool from which to draw
- Must develop every individual musician

SKILLS THAT TRANSFER FROM ONE LEVEL TO THE NEXT:

- Elementary music
- Beginner band
- Advanced MS band
- HS band

APPLICATION OF PROCESS - HOW YOU GO ABOUT ACHIEVING THE GOALS:

- Planning
- Assessment drives instruction
- Practice
- Performance (application)

CONCLUSION:

- Achieving musical independence and excellence is a longitudinal process
- Our ultimate goal as music educators is to develop consumers and perpetuators of music

TEAM MEMBERS:

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