

# Erika M. Pfeuffer

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## OBJECTIVE

I wish to obtain an elementary music teaching position that will utilize my strengths to develop children's music potential, enhance creativity, and critical thinking for a well-rounded education.

## EDUCATION

### **Master of Music Education, May 2016**

*The University of South Carolina, School of Music, Columbia, South Carolina*

GPA: 4.0

Summa Cum Laude

### **Bachelor of Music Education, May 2014**

*Baldwin Wallace University, Conservatory of Music, Berea, Ohio*

GPA: 3.85

Magna Cum Laude

### **American Orff Schulwerk Association Level 1**

University of Cincinnati College of Music, summer 2022

### **Gordon Institute of Music Learning**

Elementary General Music Level 1 Certified, 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Elementary General Music Teacher & Choir Director, Grades 1 to 5, 2022-current**

*Fairfield North Elementary, Fairfield Twp, Ohio*

- Plan lessons to musically engage all students through listening, singing, moving, and playing of instruments including unpitched and pitched percussion, ukuleles, and recorders
- Plan and prepare students for the annual school-wide holiday sing along
- Prepare and conduct the North Choir for various performances including a Veteran's Day concert, Winter Concert, district-wide Arts Fair Concert, and Spring Musical
- Serve on the PBIS Tier 1 Committee and plan quarterly school-wide incentives
- Collaborate with other Fairfield elementary music teachers through our monthly TBT meetings and professional development
- Served on the diversity committee to assist with planning the annual Multicultural Fair

### **Traveling Elementary General Music Teacher, Kindergarten to Grade 5, 2016-2022**

*Babeck Early Childhood Center, Edgewood Intermediate & Seven Mile Elementary, Trenton, Ohio*

- Planned lessons and taught music through listening, singing, moving, and playing of instruments including unpitched and pitched percussion, and recorders
- Integrated technology into lessons using Google Slides, Chromebooks, and interactive technology
- Prepared, auditioned, and conducted students for a community holiday performance

- Prepared and conducted students in a spring concert including recorders
- Prepared, auditioned, and organized the 5th-grade talent show
- Involved in the recruitment for 6th-grade band and choir at the middle school
- Served on the PBIS Tier 1 Committee and helped plan quarterly incentives
- Assisted with Check In and Check Outs on a daily basis as well as led an SEL group

### **Musical Vocal Director, High School, 2017-2020, 2022**

*Edgewood High School, Trenton, Ohio*

- Coached students on vocal solos for *Shrek the Musical*, *Footloose*, *Cinderella*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Once on this Island*
- Rehearsed large group ensemble musical numbers
- Assisted with the building of the set and was in charge of the sound system for each performance

### **Elementary General Music Teacher, Grades 1 to 4, 2014-2016**

*St. Peter's Catholic School, Columbia, South Carolina*

- Prepared and conducted students for the Christmas and spring concerts
- Collaborated with other music teacher to select repertoire for each concert
- Prepared, auditioned, and conducted students in grade 3 and grade 4 for a community Christmas performance

### **Music Development Specialist, 2014- 2016**

*USC Children's Center and School of Music, Columbia, South Carolina*

- Introduced children, ages 5 months to 5 years, to a variety of music concepts through listening singing, movement, and creating

### **Interim Director of Children's Music, 2015-2016**

*Shandon Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina*

- Planned and taught weekly Kinder choir lessons using developmentally appropriate repertoire
- Planned and rehearsed weekly choirs using developmentally appropriate repertoire
- Prepared music and led all choirs in Christmas Pageant, Carol Sing, and Spring Performance
- Prepared and led Arise and Shine choirs in music for worship once a month

### **Percussion Club Instructor, 2015-2016**

*Brockman Elementary School, Columbia, South Carolina*

- Planned and taught a weekly after school percussion class to students grades 2 to 5
- Prepared and led students in a cumulative concert
- Included parents in a class to learn percussion and appreciate the value of music

<b>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>
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#### **American Orff-Schulwerk Association**

*Active Member, Greater Cincinnati Chapter*

#### **Gordon Institute for Music Learning Theory**

*President of the Ohio Chapter*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Greater Cincinnati Chapter of American Orff-Schulwerk**

- *Quarterly Workshops, 2016-current*
- *National AOSA Conference attendee, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2026*

### **Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Conference**

- *Cincinnati- 2011, Columbus- 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018*

### **NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference**

- *Presenter, Atlanta- 2016*

### **Gordon Institute for Music Learning Theory International Conference**

- *Chicago, Presenter- 2015; Attendee- 2025*

### **South Carolina Music Educators Association Professional Conference**

- *Columbia- 2015, 2016*