

# Justin D Patton

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## SUMMARY

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Dynamic and innovative music educator with a passion for developing and implementing engaging music curriculum and fostering a supportive and creative learning environment. Proven track record in enhancing student musical skills, increasing program participation, and leading successful music groups. Seeking to leverage extensive experience in curriculum development and music pedagogy in a challenging and rewarding role.

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Chorus and General Music Teacher, Grades 6-8

Sage Park Middle School

August 2011 - April 2024, Windsor, CT

- Spearheaded the revival of the choir program post-COVID, doubling participation to 120 students within two years.
- Innovated a general music curriculum, leading to a program growth from zero to over 60 active students, significantly enhancing musical literacy and engagement.
- Directed multiple student concerts, achieving a gold medal at the Fantastic Festivals with the after-school Chargers Choir club in its inaugural year.
- Developed and mentored a new generation of educators, providing 10 weeks of intensive pedagogical training to a student teacher in Fall 2023.

### General Music and Band Teacher, Grades 7-8

Illing Middle School

August 2015 - June 2021, Manchester, CT

- Adopted Music Will Pedagogy, increasing student engagement by 25% through innovative curriculum design focused on modern music and student-centered learning.
  - Drafted and implemented a groundbreaking 90-day Music Technology course, integrating digital tools and contemporary music, setting a new standard for music education in the district.
  - Co-founded the Modern Band after-school club, fostering a collaborative and innovative environment for 40+ students, and enhancing the school's community presence through performances.
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## EDUCATION

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### Master of Arts in Instruction and Curriculum

University of Connecticut • Storrs, CT • 2015

### Bachelor of Science in Education

University of Connecticut • Storrs, CT • 2014

- Dean's List, School of Fine Arts, University of Connecticut, 2012 & 2013
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- New England Scholar, 2012

### Bachelor of Arts in Music

University of Connecticut • Storrs, CT • 2014

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