

CHRISTOPHER CLIFTON

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SUMMARY | Experienced, skilled, and talented music teacher employed with NAEP in the Osceola County School System. Character qualities include an entrepreneurial spirit, highly developed organizational and administrative skills, expert skills in communication, proven leadership abilities, and an ability to handle sensitive and confidential information appropriately. Chris specializes in piano/keyboards and music technology.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Exceeded state music standards, taught musical concepts, listening skills, sight-reading, composition, music history and music genres
- 24+ years of private teaching experience to all ages and skill levels
- Awarded Best and Brightest Scholarship at PMWCA
- Awarded A+ resources for school achievement at PMWCA.
- In May 2021, I released an album of student music compositions using the online recording service SoundTrap. Students composed and recorded original instrumental compositions for publication on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and many other music services.
- In 2018, I taught a course on 21st Century Music and mentored the students to compose, record, edit, mix and produce their own original compositions using the software Garageband for iPad.
- In May 2018, I took these projects and released two albums of student music compositions: Panther Sounds, Vol. 1 and Panther Sounds, Vol. 2. Students composed and recorded original instrumental compositions for publication on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and many other music services.
- Instructed students on a variety of musical instruments including percussion, strings, woodwinds, and electronic instruments
- Semester long instruction for Grades 3-5 on the Recorder
- Taught 500-600 students weekly at P.M. Wells Charter Academy
- Developed highly attended Holiday Musical performances
- Developed Small Group Centers in the music classroom
- Accomplished on piano, keyboards, acoustic guitar and in vocals
- Created vocal ensembles, choirs, and instrumental ensembles
- Experienced in audio/visual software including: Logic Pro, Final Cut Pro X, Sibelius, Finale, Garageband, MainStage, Photoshop, ProPresenter, etc.
- Advanced in live sound, lighting, and computer presentation software
- Administered and Proctored County and State Assessments

EXPERIENCE | MUSIC TEACHER

NATIONAL ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS, INC. AT PM WELLS
WWW.PMWELLSACADEMY.ORG
JULY 2021 – PRESENT

Chris teaches music with National Academic Educational Partners, Inc. at his former school, P.M. Wells Charter Academy, which is now under new management. Chris engages the students by creating a music curriculum of a wide variety of learning. In December 2021, Chris released his first original Christmas song performed by PMWCA students and teachers. Students learn how to play instruments, sing, perform, and learn how to create and write music. Throughout the school year, students perform in a variety of multicultural and special holiday events. In addition, Chris regularly tutors students in math and ELA during after-school programs.

MUSIC TEACHER AND INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY OF ORANGE
WWW.BRIDGEPREPACADEMY.COM
AUGUST 2019 – May 2021

Chris employed the music curriculum from Quaver Music for grades K-5. In addition, Chris also created original music curriculum for grades 6-8 that focused on literacy and writing through evaluating song lyrics. In May 2021, Chris published an album of instrumental student music. Students learned how to play instruments, sing, perform, and how to create and write music. Throughout the school year, students performed in a variety of multi-cultural and special holiday events. In addition to music, Chris served as an Intervention Specialist who led small groups of students in grades 3-8 who needed specialized help with ELA learning goals.

MUSIC TEACHER

P.M. WELLS CHARTER ACADEMY
WWW.PMWELLSCHARTER.ORG
AUGUST 2015 – MAY 2019

Chris served 4 years with CSUSA at P.M. Wells Charter Academy teaching K-5 elementary music. Great achievements took place at the school during my tenure. Chris was an active part of the team who helped transform PMWCA from a "D" school to an award-winning "A" school. Chris also produced and published a single and two albums of student musical compositions during his time at PMWCA and developed a variety of opportunities for students to perform music.

**EDUCATION | VALENCIA COLLEGE, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA
EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTE (EPI)**

2017-2018. 4.0 GPA. <https://valenciacollege.edu/>

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, MUNCIE, INDIANA
MASTERS OF MUSIC IN THEORY AND COMPOSITION
1994-1997. 3.8 GPA. <https://cms.bsu.edu/>

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY, ANDERSON, INDIANA
BACHELOR OF ARTS
1989-1993. 3.7 GPA. <https://www.anderson.edu/>

CERTIFICATIONS | Certified in K-12 Music Education (2018-2023)
Re-Certified in K-12 Music Education (2023-2028)

COMMUNICATION | Excellent Communication and Administrative Skills
Regular and consistent communication with parents
Healthy relationship building with parents and students
Conducted communications with the highest confidentiality and integrity

REFERENCES | On Request.

WEBSITE | Please visit www.chrisclifton.us for more information and video/audio clips.