

JHS String Orchestra: Angela Ammermann

Angela Ammerman, referred to as the first "music teacher prodigy" by the Washington Post, is a passionate and innovative music teacher educator, author, and consultant. Most recently, Dr. Ammerman published "[The Music Teacher's Guide to Engaging English Language Learners](#)" and is hard at work on her next book on Classroom Management. Ammerman teaches Lab Orchestra, Aural Skills classes, and supervises string student teachers at George Mason University. Ammerman was hired in 2017 as the Director of Music Education and Orchestras at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) where she built a robust program of dedicated music educators. Ammerman was recently recognized as the "Outstanding Advisor of the Year" award for her dedication to her students' academic, musical, and career success. In 2019, Dr. Ammerman worked closely with music faculty at UTM to create a custom-tailored undergraduate music education program as well as a Master of Music Education program. Ammerman earned Music Education degrees from the University of Cincinnati: College-Conservatory of Music, Boston University, and George Mason University.

Recognized as FCPS' Top Teacher in 2017, Dr. Ammerman attributes much of her success to her musical upbringing. Recognized by the Virginia House of Delegates in 2016 for her dedication to instilling a life-long passion for music in all of her students, Angela Ammerman diligently works to now pass along these teaching and mentorship qualities to her own Music Education students. In 2016, Dr. Ammerman was named the Virginia Orchestra Director of the Year in 2016, was a finalist for the Fairfax County Public Schools' Teacher of the Year and Washington Post Teacher of the Year, and was also a finalist for the University of Tennessee at Martin Advisor of the Year in 2018.

Dr. Ammerman recently completed a chapter for ***Rehearsing the Middle School Orchestra*** edited and compiled by Sandy Goldie. Ammerman is a passionate and dedicated music education professor and music educator and is in high demand as a guest conductor, speaker, and clinician for sessions and workshops at local, state, national, and international conferences and in-services. Ammerman will be conducting the 2023 Georgia All State Middle School Orchestra as well as the 2023 California All State Jr. High Orchestra.

Dr. Ammerman is published in the String Research Journal, the American String Teachers Journal, and the Teaching Music Journal. Dr. Ammerman is known for an emphasis on play-based learning, humor, a unique style, and for the creation of the first ever Future Music Educators Camp as well as her Music Education Podcast: #MusicEdLove.