

Brian McNair was director of instrumental music at Alta Loma High School for 25 years. He began his career teaching elementary and junior high music. At Alta Loma High School, Mr. McNair directed three jazz ensembles, symphonic ensemble, concert ensemble and the Marching Entertainment Corps. Throughout his tenure at Alta Loma, Mr. McNair's ensembles consistently garnered top performance awards including: most outstanding soloist, top high school performer, jazz combo and big band awards of excellence at the Reno International Jazz Festival. He built a music community and instilled in his students a love of music. He served as the director of the SBCMEA Honor Jazz Ensembles. He was the director of the Chaffey District Honor Jazz Ensemble from 2012 – 2018. He has served and still serves as a clinician and jazz festival adjudicator. He recently retired and is now serving as a jazz clinician to four high schools, one junior high and directs the Riverside Community College Tuesday Night Jazz Ensemble. He feels very fortunate to be involved with a community of incredible educators that always assist in helping young musicians reach their potential.

