

Jennifer Kitelinger is the Director of Instrumental Music at Del Norte High School in the Poway Unified School District, developing and growing all aspects of the bands, orchestras, and color guard since the second year of the school opening. Prior to her appointment at Del Norte High School, she taught at Westview High School as Co-Director of Bands and spent five years teaching middle and high school in the Pennsylvania public school system. Dr. Kitelinger is a frequent guest speaker for music education classes at San Diego State University. She also serves as a mentor teacher for student teachers completing their teaching credential from San Diego State University.

Dr. Kitelinger received a Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degree in conducting from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her primary conducting teachers include Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Dennis Fisher, and Jack Stamp. While at the University of North Texas, she served as a Doctoral Conducting Associate, assisting in all aspects of the Wind Studies program, including conducting all university bands, working with the athletic bands, and teaching conducting classes. During that time, she also served as the assistant conductor for the Lone Star Wind Orchestra, a professional wind band based in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, for the 2008-2009 concert season.

Dr. Kitelinger served as a recording production assistant for the critically acclaimed GIA Windworks series, the GIA Composer's Collection, Naxos Wind Band Classics, and the Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series. Published in five volumes of the Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series, she is the author of six teacher resource guides for wind band repertoire at the beginning through advanced levels.

Jennifer's awards and recognition include: 2016 Del Norte High School Teacher of the Year, 2022 California Music Educator Association (CMEA) Outstanding Educator Award, and the 2020 CMEA Southern Border Section Richard Levin Outstanding Orchestra Educator Award. Dr. Kitelinger is a member of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association, California Band Directors Association, California Orchestra Directors Association, California Alliance for Jazz, California Music Education Association, National Association for Music Education, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society, and Delta Omicron Music Fraternity.

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