

Mr. Matt Jorgensen is a North Carolina native, raised in the small town of Wagram, NC in Scotland County. While band literature has always been a love and passion, it was the life lessons that were instilled from his band director that really were a driving force for him to want to become an educator and extend those same opportunities and guidance to students.

Matt is in his 13th year of teaching for and has been with three different programs (North Lenoir High School (1), South View High School (5 ½), Scotland High School (6 ½)). The band programs under his direction have been awarded numerous superior ratings at marching band competitions and superior ratings at the SEDBA MPA in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. Matt has also taken bands to perform in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Macy's Holiday Parade in Universal Studios, the 2012 Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando, FL, as well as Music in the Parks Festivals in Charlotte, NC and Tom's River, NJ. Matt has been named a "Best High School Band Director" in the 2015 Fayetteville Observer's Readers Choice Awards and has also been named Q98's "Teacher of the Week" in July of 2015. He was also honored to be the clinician for the 9/10 Southeastern District All-District Band in 2023.

As the Director of Bands at Scotland High School, he has maintained the traditions of the program by overseeing the Concert and Symphonic Bands, the "Plaid Notes" Jazz Ensemble, the Marching Band, and the Winterguard programs. This year (2023), the Scotland High School Symphonic Band played at the NCDPI Education Building in Raleigh in March for the State Superintendent and other representatives. The "Plaid Notes" Jazz Ensemble has played at the North Carolina Superintendents Convention and the group has continued their local performances at LaurelFest in Laurel Hill, NC. The Marching Band has continued to perform at competitions throughout North Carolina and performed at the Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade for the first time ever in 2022. Matt has a strong belief in collaboration of the arts groups and twice shared the field for the National Anthem at football games with rival Richmond Senior HS and Terry Sanford High School. His goal has been to continue to grow each aspect of the "Pride of Scotland County" and to give students the chance to gain as many experiences through music as possible.

He holds a BM in Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, where he was a trumpet major and Dr. Timothy Altman. Matt is a member of NAFME, the NC Southeastern District Bandmasters Association (where he is currently their webmaster), Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and was a NC Teaching Fellow.