

**Biography**  
**Mark McGahey**

Mark McGahey is in his fifteenth year as Director of Bands at Keller High School in Keller, TX. He also directed bands at South Grand Prairie High School in Grand Prairie, TX, and Shawnee High School in Shawnee, OK.

Bands under his direction have enjoyed notable success, including while at Keller High School: UIL Sweepstakes Awards, “Best in Class” recognitions, Two time National Winner of the Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors Contest, Bands of America Super Regional Finalist, First Runner-Up at the 1999 4A Texas State Marching Contest, and was named the 2000 4A State Honor Band in Texas. In 2006 and 2008, the Keller Band was a participant at the Texas 5A UIL State Marching Contest.

Mr. McGahey holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education from the University of Oklahoma, where he studied with Gene Thrailkill, William K. Wakefield and Roland Barrett. He was a student of Tom Bennett while earning his Master’s Degree in Music Education from Texas A&M in Commerce (formerly East Texas State University).

Mark McGahey was formerly on the brass staff of the World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Illinois. Honors with this group include not only four World Championships, but also the highest score in DCI history, an undefeated season and the 2002 and 2006 Jim Ott Award presented to the hornline with the highest score. He has authored an instructional DVD entitled *The Cavaliers Brass: From the Concert Hall to the Football Field* that has been met with international acclaim.

Mark is an active clinician and adjudicator in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Florida and Illinois. His professional affiliations include Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Phi Beta Mu Honorary Music Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Mu Alpha. He is currently the Concert Band Vice President for the Texas Music Adjudicators Association.