

## **Mrs. Allyson Whitsitt, Director of Bands**

Mrs. Allyson Whitsitt is in her first year as Director of Bands at Forest Meadow Junior High in Richardson ISD. She recently completed her final year as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Sam Houston State University where she earned her Masters in Instrumental Conducting. While at SHSU, she conducted pieces with the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and assisted with the Bearkat Marching Band. She also performed with the wind ensemble at TMEA and was a member of the CBDNA Intercollegiate band.

Prior to graduate school, Mrs. Whitsitt was a Band Director at Byrd Middle School in Duncanville ISD. She taught the Non-Varsity and Sub Non-Varsity bands as well as beginner woodwind classes at Brandenburg and Daniel Intermediate Schools. Mrs. Whitsitt was also the Middle School Coordinator for TMEA Region 20 from 2016—2018.

Mrs. Whitsitt earned her Bachelors degree in Music Education degree at Sam Houston State University. While earning her Bachelors, she performed with the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and was a Drum Major for the Bearkat Marching Band. Mrs. Whitsitt is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity as well as Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority.

Mrs. Whitsitt is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, and Women Band Directors International. Mrs. Whitsitt currently resides in Rowlett with her husband, Michael Whitsitt and their two dogs.