

Chris Piecuch

Chris Piecuch is Director of Bands at Overton High School for the Creative and Performing Arts in Memphis, TN. He is continuing a 19-year tenure at Overton, which began in 1991. Mr. Piecuch is generally credited with reviving the instrumental music program at Overton High School where the band has received accolades in virtually every area. While he has maintained a world-class wind ensemble, (featured in performance at the 49th Annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic), he has also cultivated a marching band that has been nearly perfect in class competition. The Overton Band has also received the Tennessee Sweepstakes Award for 16 of 19 years. The Overton Band has also been featured twice in performance at the Tennessee Music Education Association Convention and once for the Music Educators National Conference.

Mr. Piecuch frequently serves as a clinician and adjudicator throughout much of the southeastern United States. He has served as the President of the Tennessee Bandmasters Association, received placement on the Memphis City Schools' Supplement Committee, and is currently the President of the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association. In 2002, 2004, and 2007 he served as guest conductor of the Memphis Youth Symphony on their European Tours. He also has been a featured conductor with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra at the Sunset Symphony Concert, the Memphis Youth Symphony and the Germantown Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Piecuch is also very active as a professional freelance musician. Mr. Piecuch currently holds the Contrabassoon/3rd Bassoon position with the Memphis Symphony, a position he won in 1997. He performs regularly with other professional ensembles such as the Orpheum pit orchestra, Opera Memphis, and the Tupelo Symphony.

Mr. Piecuch currently resides in Memphis with his wife Katy and their daughters, Hannah and Elise.