

Mark McLaurin holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of North Dakota and a Master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota. He retired from teaching Vocal Music at Twinning Middle School on the Grand Forks Air Force Base where he had three choirs, teaches General Music, Music Theory and gave individual voice lessons in June of 2015. Mr. McLaurin is also the retired director of the St. Michael's Catholic Church Choir in Grand Forks, N.D.

Mr. McLaurin specializes in a cappella choirs and quartets with thirty-three years in this area. Several of Mark's choirs have won Division Championships, District Small Chorus Championships and Most Improved Chorus Awards. Mark has coached three "top three" women's quartets including the 1984 Region Six Quartet Champions "Four Karat Gold."

He has sung in several quartets, including the 1992 Land O' Lakes District Quartet Champions "Peoples Choice." He, and the other members of "People's Choice" were awarded the LOL District John Foster Friendship Award for above and beyond service to fellow a cappella singers.

Mark was one of the original faculty members of the Clearlake Harmony Education School in Riding Mountain National Park and served in that capacity for 10 years. He also served as a faculty member for the International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens including the 2010 & 2012 Youth Harmony Weekends. He was also presenter at the Manitoba Music Educators Association Conference with the Winnipeg Youth Chorus.

When Mark is not singing or teaching, he is the proud grandfather to Emily, Jack, Adam, Matthew and Luke.