

Niki Bernier Bio

Music educator and vocalist Niki Bernier currently teaches 1st-5th grade general music at Fort Lincoln Elementary School in Mandan, ND. Ms. Bernier is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Mary where she teaches Elementary Music Methods and is the director of the Orff-Schulwerk summer levels program. She is a past board member and active member of the Prairie Winds Orff Chapter in Bismarck, ND and the Northern Plains Kodály Chapter in Fargo, ND.

As a vocalist, Ms. Bernier is comfortable in both jazz and classical styles. She has performed with the Bis-Man Big Band, Big Al's Big Band, the University of Mary Jazz Ensemble, numerous jazz combos, and was a featured soloist with Bismarck's annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*. She has also been a member of the middle school choir staff as a voice instructor at International Music Camp since 2013.

Ms. Bernier holds a Master's degree in Music Education from The University of Iowa and Bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Music Production from Minnesota State University Moorhead. She completed her Graduate Certificate in Kodály education from Minnesota State University Moorhead and her Orff-Schulwerk certification levels from the University of St. Thomas.