

Nathan Thelen Bio

Nathan Thelen finished his fifth year of teaching. He has taught at Staples-Motley Middle/High School as a 5-12 choir and general music teacher, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Elementary/Middle School as a K-4 choir and general music teacher, and recently has been hired to work at Detroit Lakes High School as the 9-12 choir director in the fall of 2022. Mr. Thelen has taught a wide variety of ages, but has a special place for middle school singers, because of their enthusiasm and energy they can bring to a rehearsal! Mr. Thelen has also had experience directing multiple musical productions including, Oklahoma, Honk Jr., The Wizard of Oz, and Seussical Jr. One of Mr. Thelen's greatest accomplishments as a teacher is having the Staples-Motley A cappella Choir being selected to sing at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic. This is one of the highest honors to be selected to sing at the convention. He has also served as assistant director of the Staples Area Men's Chorus and Artistic Director of the Staples Area Women's Chorus. While directing these community ensembles he has helped and put together community festivals involving area high school students, "Her Voice, Her Song" and "Real Men Sing". He holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Concordia College, Moorhead and is currently pursuing a Masters of Music in Music Education from North Dakota State University. He currently resides in Moorhead, Minnesota where he enjoys biking, taking care of his plants, and spending time with his dog Winston.