

## **Jeff Bradford**

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Jeff Bradford is the Fine Arts Coordinator for LH Cluster and Director of Bands for the Lake Highlands Band program which includes the high school, freshman center, & junior high programs. He also directs the Lake Highlands Marching Band & Wind Ensemble Band.

Mr. Jeff Bradford is a product of the Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District. After graduating from R.L. Turner High School in 1995, Mr. Bradford began his undergraduate degree at Texas A&M-Commerce. While attending Commerce, Mr. Bradford studied horn under Mr. Michael Morrow, and was a member of the marching band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, brass quintet, woodwind quintet, and the North East Texas Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Bradford began his teaching career in February of 2001 at Cooper Jr/Sr High School as a part time band director, with a student enrollment of 52 kids. Mr. Bradford graduated from Texas A&M-Commerce in May of 2001 and was appointed Director of Bands for the Cooper ISD 2 days later. Under his direction, the Mighty Maroon Band grew to 160 students in grades 6-12 and was recognized as the top 2A band in the state by winning the 2004 TMEA Honor Band State Championship. The Mighty Maroon Marching Band was a 2 time State Marching Band participant, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> in 2001 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2003. The Mighty Maroon also finished in the top 5 in the state in 2003 when they competed in the Outstanding Performance Series, and was awarded State Champion in 2004 in the concert selection series. Mr. Bradford was named the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Young Bandmaster of the Year in 2004, the youngest in the history of Texas. After 3 straight years of Sweepstakes awards, Mr. Bradford assumed the position of Director of Bands for Sherman ISD in the fall of 2004. Under his direction, the Sherman High School Wind Ensemble has been honored by numerous Best in Class finishes and Grand Champion of the Lone Star Invitational. The Bearcat Marching Band has been named Best in Class at 3 different festivals and was a 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bronze Medalist at the 2005 Texas State Marching Band Championships. Mr. Bradford is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha Order, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Texas Music Adjudicators Association.