

## **Rylon Guidry, Lake Highlands Junior High Band Director**

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Mr. Rylon Guidry is Director of Bands at Lake Highlands Junior High School where he directs the Symphonic Band and assists with the Concert Band and Cadet Band, and teaches beginners at Wallace, Lake Highlands, and White Rock Elementary schools.

Mr. Guidry joined the Lake Highlands band staff in the fall of 2010; coming from McKinney ISD where he had been teaching since 2007 and serving as the Associate Band Director at McKinney Boyd High School. Under his direction the McKinney Boyd Symphonic Band I has won numerous awards in multiple competitions including 1st divisions in numerous music festivals and UIL Concert and Sight-reading competitions. The McKinney Boyd Bronco Marching Band has only received unanimous first division ratings at UIL and was a finalist in many festivals including UIL Area contest, as well as being named the 2009 Grand Champions of the Plano East Marching Invitational.

Mr. Guidry is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Houston Moores School of Music. While at the Moores School of Music, Mr. Guidry studied instrumental methods with John Benzer and studied saxophone with Dr. Karen Wylie. He also served as Principal Saxophonist in the University of Houston Wind Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Tom Bennett. Mr. Guidry was also a four-year member of the Spirit of Houston Cougar Marching Band under the direction of David Bertman. Before graduating Mr. Guidry student taught at Aragon Middle School and Langham Creek High School in the Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Bandmasters Association. In his spare time he loves listening to music, eating and being around great friends. Mr. Guidry is very excited to be a part of the Lake Highlands band tradition that his mentors began over 50 years ago.