

Matthew Newton

Forest Meadow Junior High Director of Bands

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Matthew Newton is the Director of Bands at Forest Meadow Junior High. He conducts Symphonic and Jazz Band, and assists with Concert Band. He also teaches beginner band classes at Forest Meadow feeder elementary schools.

Mr. Newton is a 1998 graduate of Brenham High School, where he was selected as a TMEA All-State French horn player. He is a 2002 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, where he studied horn under Wayne Barrington and Patrick Hughes, and performed in UT's Symphony Band and University Orchestra. He also studied music composition and began writing and arranging music for strings, winds, and choral ensembles.

Mr. Newton spent three years at Hempstead ISD, where he taught Beginner Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band, and assisted with the Hempstead High School Marching Band. This will be his third year at Forest Meadow, where he spent two years as assistant director.

Mr. Newton enjoys playing horn, piano, banjo, and writing and arranging music. He lives in Lake Highlands with his wife Bethany, their son Benjamin, and their dog Ramona.