

Provo High Band Family:

We are delighted to announce Deven Halcomb as our new Band Director. We are still awaiting HR to finalize all the details, but wanted you to know who we have selected, and to know a little about him. He will begin coordinating with students as soon as this is complete.

We will be sending out more information on a Meet and Greet for the evening 20th of July .

Deven Halcomb Bio



Mr. Halcomb has taught Band and Orchestra at Helms Middle School in Richmond and San Pablo for the past 4 years. In the past, Richmond was not a city known for promise or power--but Mr. Halcomb's music students show a much more vibrant present and future..

In his time in Richmond and San Pablo, Mr. Halcomb has rebuilt the Band and Orchestra from the ground up. In 2016 the program was defunct, in

2020 the program is slated to have 150 students in the program. The groups perform at festivals for the community and for adjudication outside the community. In both settings, the Helms Music students represent their school, families, and community with pride and dignity.

Alumni from the Helms Music program continue their studies at Richmond High School, where Mr. Halcomb assists as a visual consultant and technician for the award-winning RHS Marching Band. Like the Helms Middle School program, the Richmond High School Marching Band has blossomed from 20 students in 2016 when Mr. Halcomb joined the staff to a slated 100+ enrollment for Fall 2020.

Mr. Halcomb's program finds success through his "college football" approach to music programs, "we're always recruiting." Mr. Halcomb has recruited students through elementary visits, follow up visits, run-ins at the grocery store, classroom coverage, and even a few hallway discipline interventions. However, Mr. Halcomb's biggest recruiting strength is the students themselves. Music students at Helms truly live the concept that "Band is a family, Orchestra is a family--we look out for each other." His greatest achievements so far include seeing high-needs students thrive and seeing the music students grow as a whole and take ownership of their own destiny.



Mr. Halcomb is eager to bring his skills and experience to the table to amplify the strengths of Provo HS Band and to push forward into new heights in participation, performance, and excellence. Students should expect to work hard and to learn more about themselves and each other. Parents should expect ample and authentic connections from the band to the community. The community should expect a band that reflects the great values and identities of the community.



Mr. Halcomb would like to thank Hoover (Missouri State University emeritus), Dr. Andrew Dabczynski (BYU-Emeritus), Dr. Kirt Seville (BYU), Andrew Wilke (Richmond HS, Richmond, CA), Stephen Winters (Poplar Bluff HS, Poplar Bluff, MO) and a special thank you to Shane Fudge (Searcy HS, Searcy, AR) for introducing Mr. Halcomb to Drum Corps and showing everyone that most of music is relationships, and another special thank you Mr. Halcomb's mother Lynn Trader for inspiring him to play Tuba, dealing with all the highs and lows, and being the most critical player in his development as a musician and educator.

