



About the Director

Mrs. Evelyn Champion graduated Magna Cum Laude with High Honors from the University of Georgia in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, and holds her Master of Music Education and Education Specialist degrees from the University of Georgia as well. Mrs. Champion taught at Daniell Middle School in Cobb County for nine years before transferring to Sprayberry High School in 2003, where she now serves as Orchestra Director, Advanced Placement Music Theory teacher, and Tri-M Music Honor Society Advisor.

Mrs. Champion has been a member of the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) since the early nineties. An active clinician in the North Georgia area in middle school and high school, Mrs. Champion has judged performance evaluations and conducted honor orchestras in Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Henry, Gwinnett, Muscogee, and Richmond Counties, and is also a GMEA Certified Head Adjudicator. In 2008, Mrs. Champion was elected Vice-President of the Georgia Music Educators Association and served a two year term. She then served as the GMEA Orchestra Division Chair for two years, also an elected position. While Orchestra Division Chair, Mrs. Champion organized the annual In Service Conference in Savannah, the All State Orchestras, and started the GMEA All College Orchestra.

A leader in integration of technology in the music classroom, Mrs. Champion has been asked to teach professional development courses on [SmartMusic](#) assessment for music teachers throughout Georgia. SmartMusic assessment is fully integrated into the Sprayberry High School Orchestra program. Sprayberry High School will have a full music technology lab in the Fall of 2012 and will offer a music technology course taught by Mrs. Champion.

In January of 2011 Mrs. Champion was recognized as “Educator of the Year” by the [Georgia Chapter of the American String Teachers Association](#). In January of 2012, Mrs. Champion was named the “Music Educator of the Year” by the [Georgia Music Educators Association](#).

Mrs. Champion is the Master Teacher for the new Kennesaw State University School of Music [National String Project Consortium](#), which is a string project for pre-college students and a training program for undergraduate music majors. She is the director of the [Encore Orchestra Camp](#) and teaches Advanced Placement Music Theory in the [Georgia Virtual School](#). A freelance violinist, Mrs. Champion performs with the [Georgia Symphony Orchestra](#), and lives in Marietta with her husband J. Champion and sons David, Charlie, and Sam.