

### Sam Lowder, Conductor



Sam Lowder is enjoying his third year in Henry County as the Orchestra Director at Woodland Middle School and Woodland High School. Prior to his move to Henry County, Mr. Lowder taught middle school and high school orchestra for ten years in Clayton County where he also served as the Orchestra Lead Teacher and director of the Middle School Honor Orchestra. Mr. Lowder earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Performance from Georgia Southern University and his Masters degree in Music Education from the University of Georgia. The son of two retired Georgia school teachers, he is proud to be a National Board Certified Teacher. Mr. Lowder has been voted his school's Teacher of the Year in both Clayton County and Henry County. Mr. Lowder is currently the Orchestra Chair for District VI – G.M.E.A. and has served in numerous capacities including performance evaluations and honor clinics. Mr. Lowder is a certified head adjudicator and has judged and directed in clinics throughout Georgia. He has served as the Fine Arts and Connections Department Chair in his schools for the majority of his teaching career. Mr. Lowder maintains a year-round private cello teaching studio and he is proud of his history as an instructor and conductor at Encore Orchestra Camp. In addition to teaching, Mr. Lowder is the principal cellist with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra and performs regularly in church orchestras and in chamber ensembles for weddings, receptions, and other occasions. Mr. Lowder enjoys traveling and riding his Honda motorcycle. He lives in McDonough with his wife, Mahli and their chihuahua, Señor Pepe'.