



Judy Meyer Hays has been working with music and children in various capacities for 40+ years! She has presented on a variety of topics at state music conferences in Alaska, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin as well as at the MENC (now NAfME) National Conference. Ms. Hays is a National Board Certified Teacher and actively involved in the Illinois Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance Project. She retired from Schaumburg School District 54 in 2017 where she taught K-6 general and vocal music for 25 years and is founder of the Palatine Children's Chorus. She has taught elementary music methods classes at Carthage College and Illinois Wesleyan University. Currently, when not playing with her six grandchildren, Judy volunteers as a docent for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as writing curriculum for the Negaunee Music Institute (see example [here](#)), plans and leads Joyful Sound music classes for preschoolers, and substitutes at weekend worship services. Judy passionately believes in the power of music to make the world a better place!

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