



## **Matt Temple**

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Matt Temple was appointed Director of Bands at New Trier High School in 2007. He conducts the curricular Freshman Concert Band, Concert Jazz Ensemble, Varsity Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, as well as the extracurricular Pep Band and Pit Orchestra for the underclassman musical. Mr. Temple earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree in music with an emphasis in conducting from Eastern Illinois University. He also completed an additional master's degree in educational leadership through Aurora University. Prior to his appointment at New Trier, Mr. Temple served as the Fine Arts Chair at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, Illinois, from 2000-2007, and as the Music Director at Flora High School from 1994-1998.

Under Mr. Temple's direction, the New Trier Symphonic Wind Ensemble has performed at the Midwest Clinic, Music for All National Concert Band Festival, Illinois Music Education Conference, University of Illinois Superstate Festival, and Chicagoland Invitational Festival. They have also performed in the Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, Symphony Center, and throughout Italy. In 2014, the New Trier band program was recognized by the National Band Association as an inaugural national winner of the Blue Ribbon Award for "Programs of Excellence."

A strong advocate for student-centered instruction, Mr. Temple is Past President of the Illinois committee for Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance (CMP). He currently serves as the Second Vice-President for the National Band Association and is a Contributing Editor for the *Instrumentalist* magazine. Mr. Temple has presented sessions on music selection, score analysis, student-centered instruction, and innovative band curriculum at multiple universities, state music conferences, and twice at the Midwest Clinic. He frequently serves as a clinician and guest conductor throughout the United States. Matt lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois, with his supportive wife Maureen and their twins, Aiden and Annabelle.