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Objective: Teacher of Music

## Teaching Experience

2007-Present      **North Arlington Middle School**      **North Arlington, NJ**

- **Director of Bands**
  - Organized weekly rehearsal schedule for all three performing ensembles
  - Created a weekly schedule of pull-out group lessons based on grade and instrumentation
  - Created and Directed a String Ensemble
  - Instituted a Jazz Ensemble
  - Recruited students of all ability levels to participate in the instrumental program
- **Choral Director**
  - Recruited students of all ability levels to participate in the choral program
  - Run weekly rehearsals after school
- **General Music Teacher**
  - Taught Music Appreciation to all students grades 6-8
- **Musical Director**
  - Ran vocal rehearsals for all students involved in the musical
  - Set-Up and controlled the sound board for all productions

2007-Present      **North Arlington High School**      **North Arlington, NJ**

- **Choral Director**
  - Rehearsed Chorus classes daily
  - Created and directed elite performing ensembles (chamber Singers/Treble Choir)
- **Musical Director**
  - Ran vocal rehearsals for all students involved in the musical
  - Performed in the Pit Orchestra for all productions
- **Tri-M Music Honors Society Co-Advisor**
  - Accompany performers during induction ceremony
  - Helped direct and run meetings and fundraisers
- **Assistant Marching Band Director**
  - Assisted High School Band Director with Marching Rehearsals, music rehearsals, and sectional rehearsals.

2012-Present      **South Plainfield, Summer Drama Workshop**      **South Plainfield, NJ**

- Conducted Shows for summer theater production
- Rehearsed students both on vocals and instrumentals
- Acted as Stage Manager and Assistant Director
  - Directed the crew back stage during the show

2006-2012      **Rutherford High School**      **Rutherford, NJ**

- **Marching Band Instructor**
  - Assisted with marching and musical rehearsals

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**2005-2011 Rutherford Public Schools**  
NJ

**Rutherford,**

- **Summer Band Director**
  - Arrange a schedule of daily instrumental lessons for a the month of July
  - Teach Group lessons of all levels from beginner to intermediate
  - Run full band rehearsals daily
  - Organize and put on final concert.

**2009-Present Hawthorne Gospel Church**

**Hawthorne, NJ**

- Perform as hired musician for regular Sunday Morning services and seasonal concerts

**2008-Present Freelance Musician**

- Perform in various Gigs playing at New Jersey High Schools' Musicals Including the Following:
  - North Arlington High School
  - Rutherford High School
  - Montclair Kimberly Academy High School
  - Wayne Valley High School
  - Midland Park High School

## **Education**

**2004-2007 William Paterson University**  
Bachelor of Music: Classical Performance/Music Education  
2007

**Wayne, NJ**  
Received August

**2001-2004 West Chester University**  
Music Education Major

**West Chester, PA**  
Transferred to William Paterson Fall 2004

## **References**

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# **NORTH ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**Nicole C. Russo, Principal**  
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July 19, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Emily Kastner. I have had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Kastner since 2010 at the North Arlington School District. Mrs. Kastner has been an effective leader and a positive role model in many ways at our school. She is an integral part of the instrumental band, jazz band and chorus program, and has been a valuable resource to her colleagues, both professionally and personally. Mrs. Kastner is well respected by parents, by staff members, and by the administration.

Mrs. Kastner's informal and formal observations and evaluations at North Arlington Middle School have been exceptional. She consistently demonstrates content knowledge and varies the approach to learning, based on the children's needs. She sets high goals for the children and helps them feel successful by attaining those goals. Mrs. Kastner creates lessons and activities based on students' interests, raising their level of motivation. Infusing enrichment into her lessons and differentiating activities comes naturally to her.

Mrs. Kastner is very involved in school and community activities. She works with parents, staff, and children on a volunteer basis and serves on various committees. Mrs. Kastner is actively involved in the annual school drama show. She also organizes events for our middle school band outside of school, such as the annual town tree lighting and the Memorial Day Parade.

I have known Mrs. Kastner for seven years and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with her. She is a professional, dedicated, and motivated member of our staff. She is reliable and is always willing to assist in any way possible. She spends time helping students before and after school, and conducts lessons during her personal lunch hour. It is evident that she goes above and beyond in all aspects of her profession. She has a good rapport with the administration, staff members, and parents, as well as the children.

I understand Mrs. Kastner's commute is a concern within your district. I can assure you that she had a rather long commute to North Arlington as well. It was never an issue and she was at every night event and consistently volunteered for after school activities. Without hesitation, I would highly recommend Mrs. Kastner for a position in your school district, as she would serve as nothing but an asset.

Sincerely,



Nicole C. Russo

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