

My name is William Sanderson, and I am the orchestra director at Randall Middle School in Lithia, FL (Hillsborough County). I am in my sixth year of teaching and have been an avid Florida Orchestra Association member since the start of my career. I am currently the FOA All State Middle School Honors Orchestra coordinator and the FOA District 7 Secretary. I have also held other relevant positions in my career, including Hillsborough County Middle School Orchestra All County Co-Coordinator, an FMEA Emerging Leader, and an FOA Solo and Ensemble adjudicator. I am pursuing my Master's in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University – leadership is a passion of mine. I seek to use my skills as a leader to better the Florida Orchestra Association. I am excited about the future of music education and the direction that the Florida Orchestra Association is headed.

During my tenure as the All State Middle School Honors Orchestra coordinator, I have become familiar with the organization and coordination that is needed for students, families, and conductors to have a positive and rewarding All State experience. Part of the Florida Orchestra Association's purpose is "to encourage improvement and advancement in school instrumental music groups" and "to promote experiences in music for each student in Florida schools". Both of these statements express my motivation to make the All State experience a memorable one – as an All State coordinator, I seek to provide the participating students with a positive experience. Effective communication between parents, students, and teachers, organization in preparation for the event, and responsiveness and flexibility are essential skills needed during the All State clinic. My vision for the All State Middle School Honors Orchestra is to continue providing participants with an experience that will give them the tools to be better musicians and encourage them to take all that they learn back to the schools. Through participation in the ensemble, the Florida Orchestra Association's purpose is fulfilled and upheld. I hope to continue working with future All State conductors and the Executive Board to provide the best possible All State experience.