

Mr. Paul L. Shawver

Mr. Paul Shawver, the 2012 and 2015 District IV MSBOA Orchestra Teacher of the Year, graduated cum laude from Wayne State University in 2002 with bachelor degrees in both Instrumental Music Education and Double Bass Performance. He completed his master's degree in Humanities in 2008 from Central Michigan University. Mr. Shawver is currently in his eighteenth year as the Director of Orchestras for both Groves High School and Berkshire Middle School in the Birmingham Public Schools.

Under his direction the Groves High School orchestra program has made huge strides on many levels. The program has grown by 200%, a second orchestra was created for the first time in the Groves' history, a parent booster group was established, and the extremely popular Groves Electric Mayhem (an all-electric rock orchestra) was created.

The Groves Orchestras have been very successful at Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) competitions under the direction of Mr. Shawver. The Groves Symphony Orchestra has received straight first division ratings at District IV Band & Orchestra Festival for fourteen consecutive years, since Mr. Shawver began teaching. He also sends several students to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) Honors Orchestra on a yearly basis.

Additional accomplishments for Mr. Paul Shawver include the Groves Symphony Orchestra performing at the prestigious Michigan Music Conference in 2008, as well as receiving straight first division ratings at every MSBOA State Band & Orchestra Festival in which it competed (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010). The Groves Orchestras have also competed/performed in Washington D.C., Boston, New York, Chicago, Toronto, Munich, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna, Florence and Rome.

“Mr. Shawver is a stellar teacher. He is mature and responsible, friendly and engaging, demanding and prepared. Wylie E. Groves High School is a better educational institution because Mr. Paul Shawver is part of the faculty.” –Mr. Fred Procter, retired Principal, Wylie E. Groves High School.

When Mr. Shawver is not on the podium, he is an avid basketball player and fan, he enjoys all things automotive and, when the rare opportunity presents itself, he enjoys a bit of gaming on his PS4. Most of all, Mr. Shawver enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Laura, and his four children Paul, Lincoln, Owen and Alice.