



## **BAND DIRECTOR- MR. DARRELL D. WILLIAMS-LISTER**

Mr. Darrell Williams-Lister is an energetic and engaged music educator. Mr. Williams has been an active music educator for 28 years, experiences include the middle school, high school, and collegiate band levels. His background in education includes San Antonio ISD, Houston ISD, Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, Texas), Texas College (Tyler, Texas), and Manor ISD.

Mr. Williams grew up in Bryan, Texas and graduated from Bryan High School (1985). He then attended Prairie View A&M University to receive his Bachelor's in Music Education (Class of 1991), and attended Moore's School of Music - The University of Houston earning a Master's in Music Education.

Mr. Williams is the founder of the Music Initiative Project and Consortium- MIPC, which is dedicated to enhancing and providing music education services and opportunities to underprivileged children. Mr. Williams is also the founder of the Greater Houston All-Star Band, a free music summer camp program that offers a highly engaging experience for urban music students. Mr. Williams' accomplishments include re-establishing a successful band program at Manor High School, in leading combined students and staff from Manor High School, Manor ECHS, and New Tech High School to earning a Superior Rating at the 2018 UIL Region 26 Marching Competition. An accomplishment that had not been achieved in 14 years. His background includes establishing an award winning jazz band program at Manor High School, and a much-improved Wind Ensemble Program at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluations. Mr. Williams is committed to establishing and improving student academics and musical performance, and has achieved this at every educational level.

Mr. Williams is married to Mrs. Delundra Williams, and they have 5 children and 2 grand-children. He and his wife are new "empty nesters," and plan on residing in Austin, Texas for many years to come.

Mr. D. Williams-Lister is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Marching Band Fraternity, Texas Music Educators Association, and the Texas Jazz Educators Association.