

Kenneth D. Turner, Director of Bands River Bluff High School

Kenneth D. Turner is the Director of Bands at River Bluff High School, beginning in 2013. He is currently the Director of Bands at White Knoll High School, where he has served since 2008. He has been a SC Music Educator for 21 years. His bands have earned many awards and honors.

Under his direction, White Knoll's Marching Band won the SCBDA 4A Lower-State Championship in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, took third place in the SCBDA 4A State Championships in 2008 and 2009; won SCBDA 4A State Marching Band Championships in 2010 and 2011; placed third in the SCBDA 5A State Championships in 2012; was a finalist in the 2012 Bands of America Atlanta Super-Regional, Grand Champion at the 2012 Western Carolina University Tournament of Champions; earned superior ratings at the SCBDA State Concert Festival in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012; and received the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. While band director at Irmo High School, Turner's bands took three SCBDA 5A State Marching Band Championships, won the Bands of America Johnson City Regional Championship, and were a finalist at the 2001 Bands of America Grand Nationals.

Under his co-direction, the Irmo Middle School Honor Band performed at the prestigious Mid-West Band Clinic in Chicago in 1998. His concert bands have been featured at the SC Music Educators Association In-Service conference three times, the USC Band Clinic and Conductor's Symposium, and the University of Georgia Band Clinic.

Turner received a Bachelor of Music in Education with a Performance Certificate and a Master of Music Education from the University of South Carolina. He is certified in instrumental music K-12.

Turner is third horn in the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, hornist with the Palmetto Brass Quintet and principal horn in the Palmetto Concert Band. He was the 1992 USC Concerto-Aria Winner and was honored as conductor of the South Carolina Region Band twice in 2004 and again in 2008. He has received the National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence" on four occasions, and has received the National Band Association's "Certificate of Merit for Marching Excellence" twice.

Turner is a member of the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Palmetto Brass Quintet, Palmetto Concert Band, South Carolina Band Directors Association, South Carolina Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, and Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity.