



Tonya N. Suggs has taught in North Carolina public schools for 14 years. During these 14 year, students in the orchestra under her direction have performed in *Ovations* sponsored by the North Carolina Symphony, Eastern Regional All-State Orchestra, North Carolina Solo and Ensemble Festival, Wake County Elementary All-County Orchestra, Pieces of Gold sponsored by Wake County and have performed in local community events/festivals. Ms. Suggs enjoys the opportunity to collaborate with other arts groups within the school for informances/performances.

She is a member of the Durham Symphony, and has previous membership in the Raleigh Symphony and Carolina Cool Jazz Orchestra of Spartanburg, SC. She has performed as an orchestral musician and/or soloist in various states in the United States as well as abroad, including Prague, Australia, and Singapore.

Ms. Suggs has also served as a strings coach for the Raleigh Children's Orchestra in Raleigh, NC, conductor and lead teacher with Kidznotes, Durham, NC, a non-profit organization, and in various other musical environments. Currently, Ms. Suggs is the conductor for the Adagio Ensemble with the Wake Forest Community Youth Orchestra.

She holds the Bachelor of Music and the Master of Music in Violin Performance with a concentration in Suzuki Pedagogy from East Carolina University, and the Bachelor of Science in Marketing from North Carolina A&T State University.

Ms. Suggs is a member of the North Carolina Music Educators Association and American String Teachers Association.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family/friends, playing and watching tennis, and sharing the gift of music.