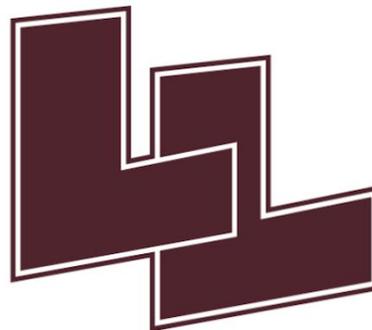


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Vise announces retirement, will remain as part time fine arts coordinator



Lockhart ISD Director of Bands and Fine Arts Coordinator announced he will retire from his full-time position at the end of this school year. His announcement comes on the heels of arguably the fine arts program's strongest year yet, his second with the school district, his 34th in public education.

"In the two short years I have been with Lockhart ISD I have seen these students in the band, choir, color guard, theatre, dance, and art programs grow tremendously and truly blossom, making their mark across Texas in fiercely competitive contests," said Vise. "It is with a heavy heart that I share the decision to retire, and I do so to attend to personal priorities that really need my focus at this time."

Vise was hired in 2017 to lead band students and campus band directors district-wide to build a premier program as well as serve as the district's first fine arts coordinator. Prior to LISD, Vise worked in New Braunfels ISD, Spring Branch ISD, and Lake Travis ISD.

Under his leadership in Lockhart, the Roaring Lion Band has won UIL Sweepstakes "A" awards for Superior Ratings in Marching, Concert, and Sight Reading two consecutive years in a row. Vise infused new leadership into the fine arts program, including Choir Director Ashley Branson, who recently took a record number of choirs to the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Competition, returning home with three sweepstakes trophies. Director of Theater Kenedi Worthington and the Lockhart

High School One-Act Play advanced all the way to regionals, raking in awards and first place finishes along the way. These are just some of the many examples of the achievements under his leadership as director of fine arts.

The good news is while he is retiring from his full-time director of bands position, Vise will continue in his role as fine arts coordinator next school year on a part-time basis. Because of this, LISD will continue to benefit from Vise's leadership and expertise as the school district begins selection of the new director of bands. Vise will also continue to have his hands in the planning and continued growth of the fine arts program.

"We are so grateful Mr. Vise is willing to continue providing his leadership to the program in a way that ensures a continued upward trajectory that, frankly, has been the shining example of what occurs when you can blend solid leadership combined with consistent high expectations and support," said Superintendent Mark Estrada.

The school district will soon post for the full-time position for next school year and begin aggressive recruitment to bring top talent to lead the Lions' fine arts program.

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