

# CAREERS IN ACTION

ADULT, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

**Students:**  
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## Marching to the Beat of a Better Workforce

Employers today are looking for specific criteria when interviewing applicants. Knowledge, skills, and talent are still the number one priority, and may be enough to get you an interview. But knowledge alone may not be enough to get you hired. Today's competitive job market requires a stand-out resume coupled with personal values that make you uniquely qualified to contribute to success. Today's employers want a workforce with passion, professionalism, and the ability to solve problems.

Braden River High School's (BRHS) wall-to-wall academies and teachers are helping to prepare tomorrow's workforce. Mr. Kendall Carrier teaches band in the Arts and Communication Academy, and he exemplifies the positive qualities employers are looking for. Through collaborative efforts with fellow academy teachers, his students aren't just learning about music. They are learning how music integrates with each core subject, and values that matter in the workplace.

"Every piece of music tells a story," Mr. Carrier said. "Students learn the history and business of music and how it pertains to today's copyright laws, ethics, and piracy. They explore the impact of music on graphics and design and how it correlates to current events."

When it comes to teaching music, Mr. Carrier does it all. He's a strong advocate for discovering the value in musical education, and teaches beginning band, marching band, concert band, jazz band, wind ensemble, and percussion class. Wow!

"45% of the school population is involved with music," Mr. Carrier explained. "That's 870 students! Abilities range from beginner to highly advanced, but what they all have in common is a strong work ethic. These students are mastering written, verbal, and listening skills. They are learning to work together as a team, problem solve, and manage their time and their commitments. Most of all, they are exploring various career pathways while learning the value of loyalty and working together for the greater good."

Music is a family affair for the Carriers. Kendall's son Kris is a BRHS junior and member of Drum Corps International. With hands on the drums and eyes on the future, Kris is well on his way to becoming a fine musician and following his father's footsteps as an educator.

"Right now I am taking AP music theory, advanced jazz band, wind ensemble, and percussion classes," Kris stated as he effortlessly tapped out a catchy rhythm on the drums. "I like writing my own music. My plans include majoring in music education at the University of South Florida or Florida State University and then I would like to arrange and teach percussion as my job, probably in a high school setting."

With teachers like Mr. Carrier and smaller learning communities like the Arts and Communication Academy, students like Kris are marching on to career readiness.



The Concert Band performing under the direction of Arts and Communication Academy teacher Mr. Kendall Carrier.



BRHS student Kris Carrier fires up the drums with a favorite riff.

## JOB



**High School Music Teachers**  
Salary: \$38,500 – \$82,600\*  
Workplace: schools  
Hours: daytime



**Sound Engineering Technicians**  
Salary: \$27,300 – \$44,200\*\*  
Workplace: music & theater venues  
Hours: varies



**Music Directors**  
Salary: \$16,000 – \$54,100\*\*  
Workplace: music & theater venues  
Hours: varies



The BRHS Arts and Communications Academy, while inspiring creative students of integrity to achieve greater understanding of interdisciplinary connections, empowers its charges to accomplish dreams through the determination essential to personal and professional success.

## PARENT CORNER

- ✓ Discussion starter: Talk to your child about how music reaches into other areas of life. For example, did you know that when Mozart composed music, he jotted down mathematical equations in the margins? Math and music are deeply intertwined. Music plays a role in advertising, media production, relationships, holidays, major events, and everyday lifestyles.
- ✓ Music training has been linked to improved skills in learning, reading, reasoning, problem-solving, and more. How can you add music education to your child's environment?
- ✓ "The Academy process provides opportunities for teachers to mentor students and collaborate with other teachers, to help students identify the steps they need to achieve their goals." BRHS band teacher Mr. Kendall Carrier. For further information, contact Orchestra and AP Music Theory teacher Kathy Cook at 941-751-8230, ext 2261.

## FCAT reading comprehension QUESTION

★ Aside from the music itself, what kinds of skills are students learning in music and band classes?

Answer: a strong work ethic; written, verbal, and listening skills; teamwork; problem-solving; and time management.

## What's on the WEB?

[www.floridabandtournament.com](http://www.floridabandtournament.com)  
[www.musictheory.net](http://www.musictheory.net)  
[www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/highschool/brhs](http://www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/highschool/brhs)



**EdVantage Strategic Objective #2: Each student will articulate personal goals, create plans to achieve those goals, and exhibit progress toward their attainment.**



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