

# **FRANK HALE**

## **Biographical Information**

Frank Hale is perhaps best known as the band director at Hixson High School, a position he held for 26 years of his 29-year career. Prior to that he taught at several schools in the Knoxville school system, among them South High School. During his tenure at Hixson High School, the Hixson Band received superior ratings at local, regional, and national concert festivals, and placed at every marching contest that it entered. The Hixson High Band also performed in Hawaii, Europe, Australia, and was selected to perform twice at the Tennessee Music Education Conference under his direction.

Mr. Hale served on the Executive Board of the East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Association for 26 years of his career in various elected positions, including President of the Association. In addition, he has served as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Music Education Association for eight years, and also served as the All State Band Chair.

Mr. Hale is a recipient of the National Band Association Certificate of Excellence and an elected member of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. He has served as a clinician and guest conductor throughout the Southeastern US, Hawaii, Australia, Europe, and Japan. While working for World Projects, he helped establish the World Symposium for Symphony Youth Orchestras in Budapest, Hungary, and the London International Wind Band Festival in England. In addition, Mr. Hale was responsible for establishing the International Bands for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, GA, and the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Mr. Hale is one of the founding members of the Jericho Brass, a British-style brass band, and currently serves as its conductor. They actively perform throughout the year in the Chattanooga area as well as national and international brass band competitions.