



Alan Hunt taught band for 41 years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. He began teaching in Ohio for 4 years before making the move to Cleveland, TN and teaching at Bradley Junior High School and Bradley Central High School. In 2001, Alan was named the 1st band director at a brand new high school in north Bradley County. Alan Hunt and Stephanie Hunt started the band program at Walker Valley High School and it quickly grew into one of the largest bands in the state of Tennessee. Under his direction, the Walker Valley Band grew to membership of 289 band students with a school population of only 1400 students. Over his 17 years at Walker Valley High School, Alan and his team consistently had 17-21% of the school's population in band.

The Walker Valley Marching Band has received consistent superior ratings and been awarded Grand Champions at Marching Band Competitions across the state of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Under Mr. Hunt's leadership, the Walker Valley Marching Band received invitations to the 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, and 2016 London New Year's Day Parade in London, England. He also attended the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade as WVHS Band Director Emeritus. While teaching at Bradley Central, Mr. Hunt was heavily involved in the Southeastern Color Guard Circuit and was inducted into the SCGC Hall of Fame years later. Alan's bands have received consistent superior ratings at ETSB&OA Concert Performance Assessment and accepted invitations to perform at the TMEA State Concert Festival. Alan always produced high quality jazz bands at Walker Valley as well. His jazz bands performed concerts at local community functions, did side by side concerts with the Lee University Jazz Band, and performed at the University of Tennessee Jazz Festival.

Alan has been a clinician and judge for jazz festivals in Georgia and Tennessee and has served as clinician for countless concert honor bands as well. He has judged marching band competitions and is consistently mentoring band directors across East Tennessee

since his retirement in 2018. One of the biggest impacts Alan has had on the band world in East Tennessee is his service to the ETSB&OA Membership. Alan served 14 consecutive years on the ETSB&OA board of directors, holding positions as Lower Area Representative (2 terms), Jazz Chair, (2 terms), President Elect, President, and Past President. He has been a member of TMEA and served on the TMEA Council. Alan also holds membership in the American School Band Directors' Association and the Tennessee Bandmasters Association.