

# Ryan Bloom

Los Alamos, NM

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Experienced educator with 18 years working with students in both public and private school settings, including 7 years in the Los Alamos Public Schools band programs.

## Education

### **University of Colorado at Boulder**

*Bachelor of Arts in Music with Honors*

GPA: 3.7

### **Fort Lewis College**

*Master of Arts in Education*

expected graduation winter 2026

current GPA 4.0

## Recent Experience

### **Los Alamos Public Schools**

*Student Teacher*

Los Alamos, NM

January 2026–May 2026

- Taught under the supervision of Deanna Teague, Steve Iliff, and Zane Meek
- Worked with ensembles at Chamisa Elementary, Piñon Elementary, Los Alamos Middle School, and Los Alamos High School
- Directed the LAMS Hawk/Intro Band and LAHS Percussion Ensemble at the 2026 MPA Preview Concert and the LAHS Jazz I Big Band at the 2026 Albuquerque Jazz Festival

### **Los Alamos Public Schools**

*Activity Coach – Band*

Los Alamos, NM

August 2023–Present

- Achieved state-wide success with the Topper Marching Band by coaching the percussion section who contributed significantly to the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in 2025 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in 2024 at the NMAA State Marching Band Championships, as well as noteworthy finals placements at the 2023 and 2025 Zia Marching Fiesta and the 2025 Pageant of Bands
- Advanced the musical excellence of the LAPS band programs in cooperation with other faculty resulting in the collective 2024 NMMEA District of Distinction award

### **Los Alamos Band Boosters**

*Freelance Percussion Clinician*

Los Alamos, NM

February 2018–Present

- Provided high quality targeted percussion education to students across Los Alamos Public Schools, including with the marching band, concert bands, and percussion ensembles
- Succeeded with the Los Alamos Middle School Symphonic Band by providing support and instruction to the percussion section for the band's NMAA State Concert Band Championship victories in 2023 and 2024

### **Ryan Bloom – Drum Instructor**

*Owner/Operator*

Various Locations

August 2010–Present

- Taught private drum and percussion lessons to students in Washington, Colorado, and New Mexico - in Los Alamos since 2018

- Trained numerous Los Alamos Public Schools percussion students including students selected by audition for NMMEA All-State Bands, NCMMEA Middle School and High School Honor Bands, and Santa Fe Youth Symphony Orchestras and Jazz Project combos

**School of Rock Aurora**

Aurora, CO

*Show Director and Drum Teacher*

June 2014-May 2018

- Planned and executed 16 seasonal performances of rock and pop music with mixed instrumentation groups of up to 20 students aged 7-18
- Taught private lessons to students of all ages, including members of the auditioned “House Band” ensemble and students who were selected for the international School of Rock All-Stars tour program

**Activities**

**Author - Researcher**

2012-present

*Freelance/Independent*

- Published 8 original didactic percussion methods with Hudson Music, Mel Bay Publications, and Ruffe Dragg Press as well as 2 articles in the peer-reviewed journal of the Percussive Arts Society *Percussive Notes* in 2022 and 2025

**Educational Endorser**

2025-present

*Vater Percussion*

- Fostered a musically beneficial relationship with eminent musical equipment manufacturer based on position as a visible leader in percussion education, especially marching percussion with the LAHS Topper Marching Band

**Skills**

Classroom instruction, classroom management, instrumental pedagogy, music theory, ensemble direction, percussion instrument maintenance, music engraving, writing, desktop publishing

*Instruments played:* All percussion (drum set, concert, marching, keyboards, hand drums), tuba, euphonium, horn, flute, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, guitar, bass, mandolin

*Technology:* Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Zoom, Adobe Suite, Finale

**Licenses**

NMPED Level 1 Pre K-12 Substitute

NMPED Level 3 Pre K-12 Educational Assistant

NMPED Level 1 Pre K-12 Teacher - Music (expected summer 2026)