

Winifred Crock, Biography

Winifred Crock is the orchestra director at Parkway Central High School and maintains a private violin studio, in suburban St. Louis, Missouri. She has taught strings in the public schools for 26 years and private violin for 34. Mrs. Crock is a frequent string clinician, conductor and lecturer. She is active in numerous music organizations and currently chairs the Suzuki Association of the Americas national committee for Suzuki in the Schools. She writes frequently for the Suzuki Journal of the Americas and for ASTA publications. She is the co-author of the new string series "Learning Together: Sequential Repertoire for Solo Strings or String Ensemble" published by Alfred Music. She has lectured and presented at numerous national and international conferences including TMEA, SAA and ASTA conferences.

Mrs. Crock holds a Bachelor of Music from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and a Masters of Music from Kent State University in Ohio studying pedagogy and violin with John Kendall, Kent Perry and Ma Si-Hon. Mrs. Crock received the Rotary International Foundation Scholarship and subsequently graduated from the Suzuki Talent Education Institute in Matsumoto, Japan under the tutelage of Shinichi Suzuki. In addition she has earned Kodaly Certification from the Kodaly Center of America in Boston and has also traveled to Helsinki, Finland to investigate the Kodaly inspired "Colourstrings" method of string teaching.

Mrs. Crock has received numerous teaching awards. While her students have been fortunate to be successful in performance and in teaching, she believes that some of her most important teaching is to students who will never become professional musicians.