

A native of Nevada, Daniel Barthel is in his fifth year of teaching music in the Washoe County School District. He spent three years teaching band and choir at Hug High School where he was selected as a Washoe Education Association "Most Influential Teacher." Also while at Hug High School, he was the Fine and Performing Arts Department Leader and had the opportunity to chair the Washoe County High School Honor Band twice. He served as guest conductor for the Lake Tahoe Music Camp Concert Band in 2008 and the Northern Zone NMEA Middle School Honor Band in 2009. In addition, he has experience adjudicating Solo and Ensemble Festivals in the Northern Zone. He currently teaches 6th grade band for the district and is working towards a Master's Degree in Music Education at UNR.

Daniel has been actively involved in NMEA since he began his career in 2004 and has served as a Washoe County Zone Representative on the NMEA Executive Board since 2005. In late 2008, he submitted the proposal for NMEA to start the Member Grant Program and currently serves as the NMEA Grant Coordinator. To date, the program has assisted over 60 students and music educators in the state of Nevada by helping them attend various professional development and performance opportunities.