



Suzanne Winter retired in June, 2007, after 33 years of teaching. She taught at Pizitz Middle School in Vestavia Hills for the last 13 years. While at Pizitz, her bands consistently received superior ratings at District, State and National Festivals. Mrs. Winter was named District IV Alabama Teacher of the Year while at Pizitz as well as receiving the John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor Award for outstanding contributions to Middle School bands and music.

During her 33 years of teaching, Mrs. Winter's band received over 28 years of superior ratings at District, State and National Competitions and Festivals. Prior to her position at Vestavia, Mrs. Winter taught at Rutledge Middle School in Midfield, Alabama, and at Smith Middle School in the Birmingham City School System. She was named Birmingham's Teacher of the year during her tenure in the City School System.

Her education background includes Troy State University, B.S. in music and English, and the University of Alabama, Masters and AA in music education. Her affiliations/honors include: MENC, NEA, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi.

Suzanne has been an active adjudicator and clinician for the past 25 years in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. Mrs. Winter continues her musical interests by mentoring, volunteering for local bands, as well as adjudicating musical events and conducting honor and clinic bands.

She is the wife of Dr. Clifford M. Winter, retired director of Vestavia Hills H.S.