

# Mr. Howard Ellson

Inducted Posthumously to the *Hall of Fame* in 1993

Mr. Howard Ellson was Washington's first Band Director, serving in that capacity for the first 16 years of the school's existence.

He began his teaching career in numerous small schools in Eastern Iowa, moving to Marion High School for two years, and then joining the Cedar Rapids School District with a 1948 assignment at McKinley. He was the Band Director at McKinley for 10 years before coming to Washington when it opened in 1957.

Howard was a member of the Army Band, stationed in Washington, D.C. during World War II, playing at many official functions during that time in the nation's capital. He also taught in the Army School of Music during that time. He played clarinet for a number of years with the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra. Howard also taught clarinet privately at Coe for nearly 25 years.

