

Jack Ranney



Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1999

Jack Ranny served as a string teacher and Orchestra Director at Washington from 1969 until 1980. During that time he was also a member of the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra. With the symphony, he served as an assistant conductor, director of youth activities, concertmaster, principal second violin and principal viola. For two years, he served as the violist in the symphony string quartet. In addition to his work with the school district, he was also a conductor for the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Youth Symphonies and the Coe College Orchestra.

After leaving WHS, Mr. Ranney was the coordinator of string programs for the Office of Continuing Education and Public Service in Music, School of Music, at the University of Illinois. In Illinois, he served as the Music Director for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra and the Central Illinois Youth Symphony in Urbana-Champaign. At the University of Illinois, he teaches undergraduate conducting and is the conductor of the Illini Symphony. He is a past president for the Illinois Chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

Mr. Ranney has served as an adjudicator or guest conductor for district, regional and All-State orchestra festivals in 15 states. In March of 1999, he was the orchestra conductor and guest clinician for an international cultural convention in Taiwan. High school students from six Southeast Asian countries participated in the festival.

