

Dr. Arvin Gopal is the orchestra director at East Brunswick High School, where he has overseen the program for the past 10 years. Under his direction, EBHS groups have performed around the northeastern United States, and have consistently received superior ratings at festivals and competitions. Students in the East Brunswick orchestra program regularly fill the honors orchestras at the region, state, all eastern and national level.

EBHS Orchestras are a mainstay at East Brunswick Education Foundation events. The chamber orchestra participates in the annual Barnes & Noble fundraiser at the Brunswick Square mall, and regularly performs at the Partner in Excellence Dinner. Grants received from the EBEF have diversified instruction and the use of technology in the orchestra classroom, as well as aided in programming, production and guest artist costs for EBHS Orchestra family concerts. Each of these grants have directly benefited students and the greater East Brunswick community, and the EBHS Orchestra program is eternally grateful for the support received by the East Brunswick Education Foundation.

In addition to Dr. Gopal's responsibilities at EBHS, he is dedicated to furthering the quality of string education in New Jersey. He maintains professional affiliations with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and the American String Teachers Association of New Jersey (ASTA). He has served as president of the New Jersey chapter of ASTA and is currently the high school orchestra division chair for the Central Jersey Music Educators Association (CJMEA). Prior to his career as a high school educator, Dr. Gopal performed as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral violist throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. For two years, he served as assistant principal viola of the Minas Gerais Philharmonic Orchestra in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Dr. Gopal holds a BA in Violin Performance from Penn State University, and MM and DMA degrees in viola performance from the University of Maryland at College Park.