

Henry Einfeldt
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Henry Ernest Einfeldt was born in Kiel, Germany. The Einfeldt family migrated to the United States when he was four years old. Henry Einfeldt received the Bachelor of Arts in Music from Sam Houston State University in 1942. He would later earn the Masters in Education from the University of Houston in 1951. He became the band director of LaPorte High School in 1942. After service in World War II, he returned to LPHS in 1946. Serving as the school district's very first band director, Mr. Einfeldt served LPHS until his retirement in 1979. Among his numerous awards include the Fourth Annual Southwest Texas Band Festival; the Second Annual El Campo Texas Band Festival; the Buccaneer Music Festival (Texas); and received superior ratings at every contest entered. Under his direction, LaPorte High School won the coveted Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin (392 schools were in participation).

A musician beyond a director, he played with the Houston Symphony. He set the standard for instilling in his students a lifelong love and respect for music. Among his former student include professional musicians, music directors and teachers. On September 24, 1994, the Henry Einfeldt Music Center at LaPorte High School was named in his honor.