

Philosophy of Music Education

Music is an important part of my life and I believe every student should have the opportunity to experience music. Musical talent is not needed to participate in music classes, the students should be able to have fun and enjoy themselves. To some people music can be a chore, but if you love it and enjoy making it, then it wouldn't be a chore.

As a teacher, it is my duty to make sure that every student understands what is going on in the class. I will take the time to teach the students the needed information, while also following the curriculum. As I am teaching the students I will use fundamentals and building blocks to help get the needed information to the students. Using these methods can help get the students up to the curriculum standards.

In my classroom I will have a no child left behind rule. This may come when my students are doing group work, but I also will abide by that rule. When picking music, I will pick a piece that may be easier for a lot of the students. But this piece may be just the right level for other students. So the other students who struggle with music a bit will get excited for the easier piece because they can play it. Then I will have a piece that will be more on the harder side for the students who are more advanced. This will help push everyone forward with their musical abilities. Having a harder piece will also excite the more advanced students because then they are not bored with the easier pieces. I need to accommodate my classes needs.

My classroom will be a safe place for the students to be themselves. I would like for all students to feel included in my classroom by making sure the students are involved in every activity we do. I do not want a student sitting to the side and completely ignoring what we are doing. I will not tolerate poor behavior in my classroom. Some students at a young age are

extroverts and don't struggle to get together with their classmates. But at times there are a few introverts in your class who might need some help asking to join a group or getting involved. If this happens, I want to make sure that this student gets included in a group so they can enjoy the activity as much as the other students.

In my classroom not only do I want to show respect, but I will also expect the same amount of respect back from my students. As a teacher I need the students to know that I care about every single one of them and that I am always open for a conversation with them if they need it. Communication with my students is key. If my students start to get out of hand, I believe it is okay to be more strict with them just to remind them who the teacher is in the room. I would like to be completely honest with them and tell them how it is. If something needs to be improved I will stop them and work on that part. I do not want to let a mistake slide if it could be easily fixed.

My overall goal as a teacher is to create a classroom environment that enables students to become proficient in the music and genres I teach, as well as to grow as individuals mentally and physically. The path to creating the most efficient classroom that consists of hard workers, students proficient in the curriculum, and discipline will come from my dedication to growing along with them in the classroom setting.