

## **My Philosophy of Education**

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The ideal education would include the opportunity for each student to learn and develop in a positive working environment that brings them success in society. All students are deserving of a quality education. Education encompasses teaching and learning. As a future music educator, I have strong beliefs and goals that reflect how music can contribute to the valuable experience of education.

It is important to prepare each student for growth and change in a democratic society. Democracy involves the equal participation of members in a society. Schools primary aim is to foster democracy and develop one's fullest potential in abilities. A teacher needs to be a leader, facilitator, and learner. We contribute a great deal to our student's individual development and success in the future. I feel I can do this best through music education. Teaching and learning in our society require us to embrace the changing world and to realize that our students grow while learning from each other. We need to provide great opportunities and focus on student-centered education to allow us to achieve this goal.

Equally important is the need to appreciate the subject we are teaching and to instill the value of that subject in our students. It is necessary to be passionate about what you are teaching so that your passion will reflect in the learning of the students. As a lifelong learner, I am reminded of the famous quote, "You live therefore you learn." Education is a continuing process that doesn't stop. It is important to reflect on your teaching practice. By looking over lesson plans and using evaluation tools, we can determine where students are progressing towards and which lessons are successful. We need to recognize each student's abilities and address their

strengths and weaknesses. Working with students one on one in certain situations and allowing students to peer teach each other are effective strategies in helping to accommodate all students' learning styles. To assess progress in a music classroom, it is important to have frequent check-ups with the teacher to assess the advances being made and to assess their skill level. It is important to set goals for students that are clearly outlined so that they can strive for and achieve it.

It is important to follow the national standards in the classroom. It is also important to relate the material being taught to issues that students can connect with. By incorporating familiar issues, it allows them to develop a stronger passion and interest in the topic. Teaching comprehensively allows the students to connect the theory, history, and context of the subject together.

Music is a valuable experience that can stimulate qualities in students and broaden their appreciation of the world around them. It is used as self-expression, socialization, and other sources of communication. It is vital to incorporate multiculturalism into the music classroom. By taking a different perspective we can be sensitive of all cultures in our society. By using music through communication and expression, it can enhance the student's interaction with people. "Diversity is valued because it enriches the lives of others, just as it enriches a society's ever-evolving culture and helps us adapt to change."

By working as positive role models to our students, we will open up a strong working environment that will allow students to achieve their greatest potential. In order to accomplish this, we as teachers need to act as positive role models to our students by allowing each student to contribute to the classroom environment.