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Music is something that plays a part in everyone's lives. It is familiar to everyone and is an easy way of communicating emotions and feelings that cannot be expressed verbally. Music allows people to gain a deep understanding of who they are and what they feel. It also serves as a mental exercise for those people who analyze and perform music. In addition, there are many opportunities to explore different cultures, learn new languages, and perform different styles of music. This type of learning will give students the chance to work with other people that have a common understanding, and allow them to use their minds and bodies in a way that is beneficial to their personal growth. Music is a basic expression of human culture and "without music, life would be a mistake" (Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche). To teach these values of music to others, especially children, is a gift that only few will experience.

Music education is a very important subject area in the fine arts that should be taught to everyone. There are many benefits in learning music that will help students to grow in many areas of their lives'. I firmly believe that all children should be exposed to music, especially music education in schools. It will help students to become well rounded and give them the incredible experience that music offers. It requires hard work, communication, dedication, skill, patience, desire, and a good attitude among many other things. I want to be a music teacher to enforce these qualities and help students to develop them. To be able to attain these qualities is one reason I believe music plays a significant role in everyone's lives.

Furthermore, music is just as important as a regular classroom subject. Other benefits that music offers may include learning basic music reading, concepts, and/or learning how to sing or play an instrument. Performing is also a large part of music. It gives students the experience to be on stage and a background of what it's like to present something in front of an audience. They can use the skills learned in their music classes in many other areas of their lives, such as making speeches for instance. If presented to students in the right way, music can have a life changing effect on them. Therefore, students at all levels should be exposed to music education for their benefit.

Next, I believe that a large repertoire of music is very important for teaching in a school setting. Learning many different kinds of music gives students the opportunity to explore other cultures and time periods. In my experience, when you learn many different styles of music, you gain more appreciation for it. Having an interest in more than one type of music makes you well rounded and more knowledgeable about your passion for music. When I see myself as a music educator, I envision my students having a vast interest in music from all around the world and having a deep understanding and appreciation for it. Therefore, I believe that a diverse repertoire is appropriate for a school setting. It will allow the students a chance to discover what music they enjoy most. Sharing this interest with other people is such a great satisfaction, which is one reason I decided to become a music teacher.

Although there are many factors involved in music education,

the quality of the teacher is one of the most important. If a music teacher doesn't work to instill a passion and respect for music in his/her students, they are not fulfilling their duty as a music educator. Because music is so much more than just the context and the sound, it takes a passionate, demanding, and patient individual to teach and share the gift of music with others. An exceptional music teacher can be defined as an encouraging, respectful, and honest leader, possessing the desire to demand high standards of students' learning. They must be enthusiastic and have a strong aspiration to teach; leading by example is one of the best qualities of a role model. A music teacher must be fair and flexible when it comes to dealing with individuals apposed to teaching an entire group. Another important characteristic is being able to deal with all different types of people and personalities; not just with the students, but with faculty and peers in their working environment. These, as well as many other qualities, define the type of person that should teach music in schools.

Another characteristic that a music teacher should possess is a selfless personality. However, one must not take this to the extreme. The teacher must maintain a sense of identity and be able to recognize their limitations. Teaching is not all about giving; the educator must be particular and expect an equal amount of work from the students as well, including hard work and discipline. In addition, they must be able to recognize potential in their students and be willing to give extra help in the development of their skills. I believe these are all essential qualities that a music teacher should possess or accrue over the course of their career.

The question of who should learn music in schools also needs to be addressed. In my experience I believe it is very important for all ages to engage in musical activities and/or classes. Music is very beneficial in many ways. Introducing music to children at a young age is very crucial to their development because it gives them the opportunity to share a common interest with other students and be socially interactive. Music also allows children to combine other school studies with their music education. Because music can help children to do well in other areas of school, it is very beneficial for them to begin at a young age and enforce those other studies. Music should continue to be a regular activity throughout the rest of their lives; however, because of school budgets and other elective courses, music is often put in the back of peoples' minds. As I become a music teacher I believe it is valuable for students to receive as much music as possible. Therefore, all students should have the opportunity and experience of learning music and/or participating in ensembles and activities.