

Philosophy of Music Education

Throughout many decades, the music education programs in schools have dealt with a multiple of different problems. Many believe that there should be no music education program in schools; others believe that music does nothing for a child's education. I believe music does wonders for a child in many different aspects. Music can be related to problems in the real world, problems at home, provides future job opportunities, be used for expression, and just for having fun. For me, music is of great importance in my life and I will explain why.

Since there is such a wide variety of music out there, everybody has their own kinds of music they like. No matter if it is hard rock or classical, music drips with expression. Music is heard everywhere: in the classroom, at church, at the grocery store, even in the elevator. The difference is that they are all used for different things. Music is such an important part of life because it can be used for anything and everything. It opens the doors to history as well. Understanding the music from different time periods in history explains the culture and its people. Understanding those historical cultures puts us closer to our ancestors and our own country. Music provides so much for us that many don't understand that. I understand that just because you know about one type of music doesn't mean you shouldn't know about all the rest.

Music in schools started in order to give the students a well-rounded education. It has been proven that music improves academic scores across the board. Music in schools gives students, who don't have time for music outside of school, to get involved. Music

also gives students confidence and a sense of reward for their hard work. Because music is so expressive, it also teaches them how to express their feelings through communication with others. Working with others is another reason to support music in schools. Because music is so diverse, a choir can be made up of people with all different backgrounds and still work as one. Through the different music classes such as theory and history of literature, students will understand not only just the music written on paper, but also how it is put together and all the background work needed to make into a true musical piece.

Music cannot be labeled as one kind. Instead of teaching only that one kind, I feel bits and pieces of all kinds should be taught in schools. In order for a student to really understand, they must be exposed to all different types of music by all different composers and writers. In order to experience the growth we want for them, they must be apart of completely opposite styles along with what they like. For example, even though I love musical theatre, my voice teacher also makes me learn classical pieces in Italian and French. Even though I am not the best at them, it gives me a larger repertoire list that I know I can sing. So as I have already said, I think all types of music should be taught in schools because that will appeal to the wide varieties of students that come in.

Just as I feel all types of music should be taught, I feel the same way about the people learning it. Music should be an option for all students in schools all the way from kindergarten up to seniors in high schools. I think it should be required for elementary students to take some kind of music class. After that, it should be offered as an extra curricular to middle school and high school students. Students already in ensembles and performance groups should not be the only ones who participate. Music is good for all

students. The one thing I do feel about people who should learn is it should be everyone, but you really have to want to learn for yourself and not just be there to be there and get a good grade out of it.

Teaching music cannot be from just anyone. In order to be able to teach, you have to have a deep background in music education and. You have to know all different types of music in order to be able to expose your students to them. But there are three factors that determine a good music teacher: you have to be passionate about what you do, you have to really want to be there, and you have to be the type of person that wants to make a difference in your students' lives. Being a music teacher, you could change a kid's life at any moment, sometimes without even knowing it. Teaching music is a very hard position and in order to be able to do it, you have to be a determined person who won't ever give up. You also to be able to handle diversity well when it comes to your students.

Music is not an easy program that many think it is. In fact, it is one of the more difficult programs out there. It is not all just singing or playing an instrument. Getting involved in the music programs in schools is very important for students. Music is an important part of education and life. Even though it is highly unlikely that a child will become a famous singer, that doesn't mean they can't get involved in ensembles and performing groups. Even though not all people in music classes will go into a profession involving music, the experience and the friends made will last a lifetime.