

I base my philosophy for becoming a music educator heavily on being able to utilize a skill and an enjoyment of young people to bring them together and help them grow as individuals while also furthering their musical knowledge. I believe that music has the ability to pull on peoples' emotions more than a lot of other things in this world, and I believe that it can be a very helpful tool when it comes to young adults learning who they are and how to deal with certain situations that will arise in their adult lives. I believe music education plays an important role in the development of children both socially and academically. It has been shown in countless studies that music helps work different parts of the brain, and multiple parts at the same time, which in turn helps academic performance. Although the academic benefits of music are very important and should not be overlooked when it comes to looking at the importance of music in the education system, I personally believe that the social benefits of being in a music class have a longer lasting effect on people. I believe, as the teacher, it would be most important to make sure that respect is shown between every student at all times, but I also believe that it is important that they show me the same amount of respect that I show them. There is a line that needs to be drawn between student/teacher relationships that upholds this amount of respect, but the students also need to know that I care for them and that I am always in their corner. Although there is music to learn, I think that this is one of the few classes that can teach these important social skills, and its importance should be emphasized more than it is now in the school system for this reason specifically. As an educator, I would use many different types of activities to teach more fundamental theory lessons. I think team review games or even some sort of activity that is the class against me would be beneficial when it comes to

learning these skills, while also encouraging cooperative learning between all of the students.