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Music Education Philosophy

My philosophy of music education is based upon building community within a safe and caring environment. An effective classroom community strives to form bonds and personal connections that help students to learn and grow into their fullest potential as musicians, and most importantly, as people. In my music classroom, I share the gift of music to inspire, motivate, and bring students together while always making them feel welcome. I provide students with a creative outlet while also expanding their musical intellect by keeping students focused on the task at hand.

In this welcoming environment, students feel more comfortable making mistakes because I allow them to grow into their realized potential. Mistakes are a major part of growth as a musician and contributing member of society especially for students learning about themselves, and the world. The overall goal is greatness but that cannot be achieved without some challenges and shortcomings along the way.

As an educator, I use music to unlock students' creativity, expression, and individual human nature. Music revolves around many types of emotions and feelings so it is one of my goals to have students connect music with personal feelings and emotions. When students connect with a feeling or emotion, they are more capable of playing the music in the correct musical style. They also build an awareness of why they may like or dislike various musical pieces. Within this, I encourage collaboration which not only expands on students' creativity but also helps them to develop healthy social skills.

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Music education is very important because it can impact a students' general outlook on life for the better by showing them the beauty in art and sound. Try to imagine this world without music and tell me if that world would be an improved and enjoyable place. The simple answer is 'no'. If music vastly improves the life that we live, it is no question that it should be a part of every students' life.