

Music Education Belief Statements from students in Intro to Music Ed Fall, 2013

- Being in touch with your emotions is essential to becoming a good musician.
- Practicing all the time is the only way to get better at your instrument.
- Music is an art that takes patience and time.
- There is no right or wrong way of playing.
- As long as the students apply themselves and show interest in what they are playing they should pass.
- It can save lives.
- It can help students to be happier.
- It can teach people important lessons.
- It can be a magical world.
- It can help students do better in school.
- I believe the power of music is indeed the key to the future voice of the next generation.
- I inquire the notes of classical music are no different than the words of great leaders.
- I believe that within music lies the best stories of life.
- I believe teaching music helps give the tools of creativity and diversity into the hands of the youth
- I believe that music education has no age limit; it has no restrictions, only different layers and depths of passion.
- Every child can learn music and through music can gain confidence she may not have achieved though other disciplines.
- Teaching how to learn is a fundamental element along the path to mastering musical skills, to deeper understanding of the thing we call music and to a life that includes the unique discovery and wonder that can be reached though music.
- I should not dismiss anyone's choice of musical style or genre but should be open to embrace these choices as opportunities to teach common elements.
- Through teaching music I will become a better musician and a better person.
- An education in music gives children access to beauty and creativity, and the skills to appreciate these and other non-material aspects of life that can be vital to one's spiritual, emotional and mental well-being.
- If someone isn't passionate about music, then they don't deserve to teach it. Music students need to be able to relate to their teacher, and if music is not their teacher's favorite subject, then they will have no one to look up to. Save the music teaching positions to people who will put their all into it.
- The more enthusiastic a music teacher is, the more enthusiastic the students will be. Always be positive. Energy is contagious, and can make or break any music ensemble or class.
- Be open minded with students. Let them request pieces to perform, ask questions, and give them the opportunity to demonstrate their responsibility by giving them tasks. (Exp. My high school teacher would send our jazz choir off for sectionals. It was our job to stay on task and fix problems if there were any). This helps the student feel as equals to the teacher, rather than "minions."

- A music educator is an inspirational role. The better one is, the more teachers there will be in the next generation. Who better to inspire kids to be a music teacher than a music teacher?
- Remember that everyone is human. Some students will make mistakes, and although they may seem stupid, a teacher needs to realize that the students are going through a learning process. Be lenient when it comes to grading while keeping the mood light and discipline in check.
- Music education is a way to motivate other minds to explore creativity.
- Music education teaches people to understand that which they already love.
- Music education helps students to have a creative release during their school day.
- Music education is a way to connect with others. Music education teaches people to find what they need to create.
- Music is the language everyone can understand.
One plus five plus four may equal ten, but to musicians it equals infinity. The guitar is my microphone, the amp is my hand.
Math is like music, but music is more fun.
Can't we just have fun and learn while doing it?
- I believe that music is essential to the human spirit for being able to fully enjoy aesthetic experiences.
- I believe that music is as enjoyable as it is fulfilling and rewarding to make and listen to.
- I believe that music is a passion of mine that everyone should experience, if not share.
- I believe that music education is essential for young minds to be able to function in society as appreciators of the arts and aesthetic experiences.
- I believe that all people of all creed, race, gender, age, and nationality can be musical and appreciate music in one way or another.
- I believe that music education will carry on through the generations, because its been around for hundreds of years, it wont die for a long time
- I believe that music education will inspire the future kids to keep it moving and changing.
- I believe that music helps keep people mentally healthy because you can abstractly share how you feel.
- I believe that music is great for finding new friends because it can be the thing you have in common with someone else, it's a perfect ice breaker.
- I believe that music saves people everyday because it gives them a new healthy channel.
- I believe that music education is an opportunity to positively influence people's lives.
- I believe that without music education I would be completely lost because it is what I know and love.
- I believe that everyone can learn and benefit from music.
- I believe that teaching music will be challenging.
- I believe that because music programs are being cut from schools there is more reason to advocate for good music teachers.