

What we believe : All students, regardless of background or zip code, deserve the highest quality music education.

The Rural and Urban School Venn Diagram

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Key Curricular Takeaways and Tools

- Start with the Literature. Always.
- Establish stable - but rotating - fundamental routines
- Be creative - think outside the box
- Understand your instrumentation and program based on your STRENGTHS (Think less about weaknesses)
- Seek out guest instructors-- doesn't have to be the professor from the big school
- Don't throw out your Covid Strategies! (Zoom, Flex Arrangements, etc.)
- Give your podium away as much as possible
- Utilize Technology to supplement your teaching (virtual guest artists, YouTube, etc)

Key Perceptions Takeaways and Tools

- Meet regularly with your administration
- Invite Administration and Community members to concerts
- ALWAYS be flexible when a teacher asks for a favor
- Be creative
- Advocate for yourself and your program and your kids. ALWAYS
- FIND YOUR NICHE.
- Champion your program's niche Be collaborative
- Work on your analogies
- Find every opportunity to let your kids know they are worthy
- Reach out to newspapers / social media

Key Support Takeaways and Tools

- Meet regularly with your administration.
- Be creative - look for solutions that don't cost money.
- Use your unique talents and gifts to your advantage
- Advocate for yourself and your program and your kids. ALWAYS.
- When you ask for money, explain how this helps kids (and how you can help fundraise, too)
- Team up with other groups to raise funds.
- Meet regularly with your administration, and INVITE THEM to concerts!
- ALWAYS be flexible when a teacher asks for a favor
- Never go to someone with a problem without a few solutions
- Meet EVERY new administrator
- Use technology to expand the area of your community.
- Utilize alumni!
- Parental involvement - quality, not quantity.
- Be kind. Always.

Notes & Ideas :

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