



# **What You Should Know Before You Go...Tips Guaranteed to Help Make the Student Teaching Experience A Success**

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*Expectations for student teachers from the supervising teacher's perspective:*

## 1) The School Environment

- A. Location, personnel, history...about the school
- B. Music program background
- C. What will be expected (Pre-teaching visit suggested)

## 2) The Content Area

- A. Professional expectations
- B. Instrument/voice/area proficiencies
- C. Knowledge of literature and resources
- D. Understanding of student behavior
- E. Evidence of growth and learning in the profession

## 3) The Collegiate Expectations

- A. Compliance with ALL administrative requirements
- B. Complete adherence to school expectations
- C. Responsibility for meeting all deadlines
- D. Attendance at all school and student teaching functions
- E. Evidence of enthusiasm in work
- F. Willingness and eagerness to grow professionally
- G. To do well



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## *Expectations for student teachers from the collaborating teacher's perspective:*

- 1) Dress – It's time now to “look” as if you are the adult in charge.
- 2) School rules - Both student code of conduct and teacher code of conduct
- 3) Communication Skills
  - A. Verbal - Speak using proper grammar to both students and adults.
  - B. Written –Write letters and documents to parents with correct grammar.
- 4) Technology Skills
  - A. Technology: You must have computer skills that enable you to produce spreadsheets, practice records, fund raising accounts, websites, band handbooks, labels, and other necessary operational documents.
- 5) Organization
  - A. Keep a calendar of some form...and use it!
  - B. Briefcase
- 6) Respect for the school community
  - A. Other teachers
  - B. Administration
  - C. Parents
  - D. Students
- 7) Your collaborating teacher
  - A. Always treat with respect regardless of whether you agree with what is taking place.
  - B. Ask before helping yourself to the collaborating teacher's personal and teaching items...computer, baton, clerical items, desk. You are a guest in this teacher's domain.
  - C. Your collaborating teacher is one that will write your recommendations, keep you informed of job openings, and spread the word to colleagues about your abilities.
  - D. Your collaborating teacher is one your future employer will call concerning a recommendation.

As wonderful as your college classes are, your student teaching experience will change you more than any other experience.

