

Interview Worksheet

A. Teacher as Person

1. Tell us about your teaching experiences and preparation for a/n _____ music position.
2. List 3 adjectives that accurately describe you.
3. In what ways do you plan to develop yourself, professionally, throughout the next few years?

B. Planning and Instruction

1. Think about a lesson you recently taught and describe how you planned it.
2. Tell us how you accommodate students' learning needs in the classroom.
3. How do you teach kids to utilize higher-order thinking skills in your classroom?
4. What technology/music technology are you comfortable using - or interested in using - in your _____ classroom?
5. How do you see the general music curriculum/program interacting within the broader school curriculum?
6. Describe a successful lesson. Tell why it was successful.
7. What musical approaches, methods or resources inform your design of curriculum and instruction?
8. How do you engage the entire ensemble when you have students who are at different levels of musicianship and different degrees of motivation?

C. Monitoring Student Progress & Potential

1. Describe how you let students in your class know how well they are doing in regard to learning the course and lesson objectives.
2. How will you monitor, assess and communicate students' musical progress and achievement?

D. Classroom Management & Organization

1. Describe how you develop rapport with students you see once, weekly.
2. How would you create a behavior modification plan for a student with ongoing behavior problems?
3. Share with us a time when you had difficulty with a particular student's behavior and what you did to address it.
4. Outline your strategy for recruiting and retaining students in your program (especially during the transitional years).

E. Scenarios

1. It is November and a musician in your ensemble decides she no longer wants to participate. How would you respond to her?
2. A musician in your ensemble tells you he is going to miss a concert because he has a baseball game. Describe how you would respond.

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