

# CREATING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

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# EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

- No magic wand, potent potion, or step by step guide  
... however, never fear!
  - Consistency is key.
    - In content delivery, rehearsal strategies, and classroom procedures.

# YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC EDUCATOR

- They are respected
- They are nurturing
- They are somewhat predictable
- They are knowledgeable
- They can connect
- They are consistent

# YOU'RE SAYING MY STUDENTS WON'T BE PERFECT?!?!

- I hate to burst your bubble ... but no, they will not be perfect.
- You will have those students who push buttons you never knew you had; however, knowing that your classes won't be perfect is somewhat of a comforting thought.
- Watching those tough students grow is so rewarding!!

# RELATIONSHIPS/CAPTURING KIDS HEARTS

- Solid, appropriate, and meaningful relationships are necessary in students desire to buy in to your program and facilitates an environment where respect and rapport are easily cultivated.
- Capturing Kid's Hearts
  - Greeting Time
  - Good Things
  - Affirmations
  - Passions/Launches

# EMPOWER YOUR STUDENTS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

- Students need to know they are the master of and are in control of their abilities in your classroom.
- Make sure students feel comfortable in their own skin.
- An environment where students are allowed to fail, pick themselves up, and try again all while avoiding persecution is so important!
- The only sure way to fail is not to try! Encourage them to experience something new and to give it their best effort.



## A QUOTE FROM ONE OF MY PAST SENIORS

“You pushed us to the best of our abilities. You not only told us what we were doing wrong but you gave us examples of how to fix it. You also allowed the students who were further advanced in musical knowledge to sort of lead each section. You didn’t let anyone fall behind. Our group was only as powerful as our weakest link.” –Dominique Barrera

# LINKS/RESOURCES

- **CALL A FELLOW TEACHER!**
  - Never feel like a failure because you need a little assistance or someone to bounce ideas off of! Veteran teachers learn just as much from new teachers and vice versa.
- <https://www.smartmusic.com/music-educator-resources/>
- <https://sites.google.com/site/k12musicresources/#choir>
- <https://www.sightreadingfactory.com/>