

In my classroom I believe in the importance of applying musical knowledge in real life situations. Teaching my students about the effects of deep practice in voice and learning to make mistakes and grow in music to physically strengthen the brain. Deep practice is a method used to effectively learning a skill in a shorter amount of time. Students will learn to break down and systematically learn step by step how to reach their goals. Using deep practice to facilitate knowledge and intellectual growth in students educational and mental journey will bring them tools that they can use to recall information and encode it into their memory as well as learning how to appreciate the evolution of music and what in history caused it. They will be able to feel the difference between genres of music and recall what made composers evolve from era to era. Students should have many opportunities to express music not just through playing in concerts and rehearsals. Giving opportunities to read and write about composers or expose themselves to more music theory will help students see past music as a rehearsal based class and see the potential in it as a class to retain knowledge. Students can explore classical, modern, musical theater, to jazz and find their passion and how it connects to history or English. Music should and does have the ability to fit into the modern curriculum and can complement other disciplines.

Finally, I believe that a music classroom should help facilitate a student's decision of what they truly love by being goal driven. Music can be the place for students to truly dive deep into finding motivation for, "music demands perfection." Our classrooms are able to offer stability and a place for an outlet for the average student to thrive while finding out what they are striving for. Being teachers of compassion and an aesthetic field we can help show a student why they are striving for the goals they want. Teaching young students to set goals for short and long term within music is a skill that will remain with them forever.