

TIPS FOR TEACHING SUCCESS

1. Teach just one new thing at a time.
2. Teaching music isn't about teaching and it isn't about music—it is about building relationships.
3. During rehearsal, talk as little as possible. If you can't say what you want to say in less than three sentences, you are talking too much.
4. You can't change everything in your first year of teaching, but you still make a difference in the lives of your students.
5. When teaching new concepts, let them hear it and then imitate it. Let the reading/writing come after the experience.
6. Review the basics and procedures constantly.
7. Learn student names quickly.
8. Find a mentor.
9. Establish your rehearsal routine.
10. Ask questions during rehearsal that engage the student's critical thinking—ask what happened and why rather than just telling them what to do all the time.