

Qualities of an Effective Music Educator Self-Reflection Quiz

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Circle Y for Yes and N for No

- Y N 1) I possess a legitimate love for music.
- Y N 2) I possess strong communication skills and am an excellent communicator.
- Y N 3) I love technique and theory and know how to sell them to students.
- Y N 4) I have a clear understanding of student capabilities.
- Y N 5) I choose appropriate learning materials and musical selections.
- Y N 6) I have strong organizational skills.
- Y N 7) I believe that every child can learn to play music and reach their full potential.
- Y N 8) I think of myself as a patient teacher.
- Y N 9) I am passionate about teaching and working with students.
- Y N 10) I assist students in becoming independent and creative.
- Y N 11) I teach and promote strong sight-reading skills.
- Y N 12) I can spot issues quickly and provide instant solutions.
- Y N 13) I am constantly learning new things and am a good model.
- Y N 14) I create lessons with objectives, targets, and assignments.
- Y N 15) I am creative at explaining things for various types of learners.
- Y N 16) I get to know each student and to connect with them.
- Y N 17) I am not afraid to introduce challenging things in class.
- Y N 18) I include fun and joy whenever possible.
- Y N 19) I possess and demonstrate confidence.
- Y N 20) I have and maintain a strong work ethic.

Each statement may be used as a daily mantra or affirmation. Read each statement and circle Y if you believe you are doing these things, and N if you think you need more work in this area. Count the circled N's when you are complete. Four N's is an eighty percent. Two N's is a ninety percent. Focus on the statements in which you respond with an N.