

Professional Learning Statement

As an educator developing yourself is crucial to the success of your teaching. With technology advancing and having access to multiple teaching resources, the teacher needs to be up to date on these technological advances. With these advancements we also need to keep in mind the interests of our students. As an educator it is important to know the interests of our students because it is a gateway for us to relate music to their lives. In addition these interests will create an atmosphere where self-learning and life-long learning can be emphasized.

I as an educator am always looking for ways to continue my growth and help advance my students knowledge. Some of these ways are, attending clinics, master classes, and conversing with practicing music teachers, to have a fuller understanding of how to advance my growth. Furthermore, I also am very active outside my primary instrument and am constantly looking to advance my skills in my secondary's, and instruments that are unfamiliar to me.

Some of the best advice for professional learning is through student inquiry. If you notice under my sub page Self Development & Curriculum and design there is a document labeled "Evaluation Sheet." This sheet generates questions in which the student will answer for self-assessment purposes as well as assessment of my teaching. For example, I ask "*What would you like to see done differently if we were to do this project again?*" This question not only pertains to the students interest but allows me to adapt my teaching the next time I do the project.

I believe that professional learning should be beneficial to your classroom. In addition I believe that self-drive and student influence is what inspires me to continue to develop as an educator. Professional learning allows you to become knowledgeable in areas you are unfamiliar with and can keep your classroom enthusiastic for adding in fresh, new, and exciting activities.