

Director Role in Ensembles: What is Your True Purpose?

With the move to online platforms, pods, and hybrid teaching spaces, the traditional ensemble models have been challenged. This is an opportunity for ensemble directors to reflect on their purpose. Answer these questions for yourself and rejuvenate your mindset and purpose for teaching. Aim for concise and articulate. As we discuss each question, write down the answer and then keep this document in a place where you can see it daily.

Why is music important?

Why is your program important?

How can you tell if a music program is successful?

What is your product?

How do music competitions factor into your teaching and the student experience/learning?

Is there a place for exclusivity in an inclusive music education mindset?

WHY are YOU teaching, WHAT you are teaching, on ANY given day/lesson?