

Strategies to Build Relationships with Students in Music

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The article linked below shares strategies to intentionally build relationships with students at the beginning of the year.

Five Easy Ways to Connect with Students

by H. RICHARD MILNER IV

Link to the article:

http://hepg.org/hel-home/issues/27_1/helarticle/five-easy-ways-to-connect-with-students_492

“At its root, building relationships with students is about meeting students where they are, attempting to understand them, and developing connections with them.”

As music teachers, we have the wonderful benefit of having students over many years. This gives us the opportunity to get to know them, their siblings, and families. Take advantage of these relationships. Use before/after school duty and/or lunch duty to connect with your students, particularly students that are challenging in your classroom. Building relationships helps students feel valued and connected to you and school. Children want to know you care about them! Building relationships will also provide an avenue for you to meet students where they are and take them with you in your musical quest!

Have a fantastic school year!!