



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your timely digest of practical strategies and inspirations from Teach Music 21C.



What do you do when parents request lessons for a month to see if their child likes it before they make a commitment? Do you tell them it's better to make a one-year commitment, as progress can be fairly slow at the beginning? Is there anything music teachers can do to get parents to change their minds? This question is compelling because it speaks to two fundamental aspects of teaching and learning: mutual trust among teachers, students, and parents, and parents concern over their child's engagement. It reminds me of a colleague who put mutual trust and student engagement at the forefront by teaching the student's first lesson at no cost. Read [more...](#)

I hope your teaching is something you look forward to every day. Cheers,

Merlin B. Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Summer Certification

Have you planned out your summer Professional Development? Would you like to join a community of forward-thinking music teachers? The summer months are a super opportunity for you to expand and enhance your music teacher skillset with Teach Music 21C Certification. Our five modules are designed to elevate your teaching

and could very well be the most empowering investment in your music teaching journey. Hope you can join us...

Old School & New School

Old School - Student independence is a distant destination.

New School - Student independence is a must-have from the first lesson.



Teach Music 21C Podcasts

Podcast #30 Daily Practice. Lorrie Merrell and Merlin Thompson explore the benefits and drawbacks of daily practice for our music students. Also a quick look at what neuroscience research has to say. Available on [Youtube](#), [Spotify](#), and [Apple Podcasts](#).

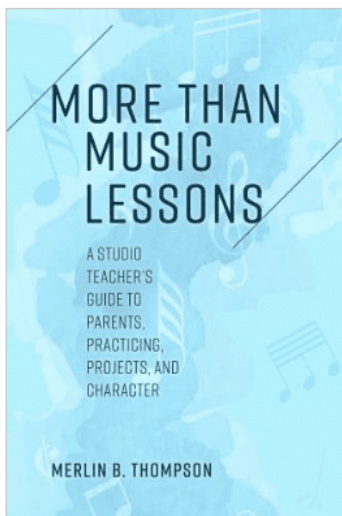


Certification Testimonial

From Peter: "The entire approach to teaching music - teach the whole student not just the music, employ curricula and pedagogy that motivate AND instruct to high standards, the role of parents and family, among many other ideas, Teach Music 21C Certification has clarified my thinking and inspired me to continue to become the teacher I always knew I could be. I recommend it whole-heartedly!"

"More than Music Lessons"

Music is everywhere.
At home. At work. At play.
With friends. With family. With crowds.
Random. Deliberate. Involved. Distracting.
Where time and place take shape.
Where memories live on.
Music is there.



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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Idea of the Month Webinar

Wednesday, May 29

Presentation for Suzuki Association of the Americas

Saturday, June 1

Presentation for Calgary Music Teachers

Sunday, June 16

Presentation for Texas Music Teachers Conference

Teach Music 21C Certification Summer Schedule

July Schedule: Modules take place Monday July 8, Thursday July 11, Monday July 15, Thursday July 18, and Monday July 22.

August Schedule: Modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20.

[Click here](#) to register for the timeline that works for you. The summer months are just around the corner.

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