# **ESSENTIALS**

Our goal is simple: music making for every student - and we mean everyone!

This booklet offers a snapshot of **Teach Music 21C Essentials -** what our community values and what we know works for today's immensely diverse student audience.

If you'd like to experience deeper joy and purpose in your teaching - **Teach Music 21C is where your journey begins.** 

Welcome to a new chapter in music teaching!

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# **ESSENTIAL #1**

# We champion lifelong music making.

We help students experience their **own musical persona** and explore how music making fits in to their entire lifespan.

We start lifelong music making with what music teachers do in **today's lessons**.

## Reflection for you -

How can you create more space in lessons for students to explore why music matters to them personally?

**Every student. Every lesson. Every note matters.** 





# **ESSENTIAL #2**

## We cultivate collaboration & reflection.

We appreciate how reflective collaborations between teachers and students will **always outperform** what teachers or students accomplish on their own.

After all, two heads are better than one.

## Reflection for you -

How often do you ask students to reflect on their own learning during lessons?

Changing the tone of music lessons, one teacher, one student, one lesson at a time.





# **ESSENTIAL #3**

We weave it all together.

Music teaching is multilayered. There's repertoire, student's personality, technique, practicing, expression, communication, and more.

Weaving it all together means we have a more **complete view** of what's going on. So we ask better questions. We create music lessons that **adapt to the moment** and evolve over time.

## Reflection for you -

What layers are you most aware of and least aware of in your teaching?

Helping teachers create lessons students never outgrow.

# Are you ready to transform your teaching?

Let's take the next steps together:

Get Certification from Teach Music 21C - A groundbreaking professional development experience that equips you to teach for lifelong music making.

Join the Teach Music 21C Community – Connect with forward-thinking teachers who are shaping the future of music education.

Access Resources & Insights – Get tools, guides, and inspiration to refresh and grow your teaching.

We inspire students to explore the music that inspires them.

