

Why Teach Music?

Music is Science

It is exact, specific, and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart...a graph which indicates frequencies, volume changes, melody and harmony, all at once and with the most exact control of time.

Music is Math

It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper or with a calculator.

Music is a Foreign Language

Most of the terms are in Italian, French or German. The notation is not English, but a highly developed shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas....it is the world's most complete and universal language.

Music is History

It reflects the times of its creation, and often even the country and social environment that existed in that day.

Music is Physical Education

It requires intense coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips, cheek and facial muscles. There is also extraordinary control of the diaphragm, back, stomach and chest muscles, all of which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

Music is Art

Music is all of these things, but most of all, music is art. It allows a human being to take all of these techniques and use them to create emotion, the one thing that science cannot duplicate.

We Teach Music...

Not because we expect you to major in music. Not because we expect you to play or sing all of your life. We teach music so you will be human. So you will recognize beauty and sensitivity. So you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world. So you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, more good -- in short, more life. What value will it be to make a prosperous living unless you know how to live?