



# Music Ed Insights



Three Insights to take with you from...  
**Connecting Music with your Students  
with Annie Savage**

## Frame your teaching as “skill sets” rather than “styles.”

- Teach students to read lead sheets.
- Use diverse styles, but don't call them “styles.” Just teach.

## Learn chordal instruments.

- Strummed instruments and piano both. Even the autoharp counts.
- All teachers need to do this. Not just general or vocal - instrumental as well.

## Stop accidentally teaching performance anxiety.

- Find ways to have students perform publicly.
- Find organic settings and avoid formality.

## Make it easier for kids to plug in.

- All high schools should have a music class for students with no previous performance experience.
- Advocate for and teach a performance class for those students.

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