



Music Ed Insights



Three Insights to take with you from... **Culture and Practices in Marching Band with Darrin Davis**

When building culture, keep these pointers in mind:

- Be patient, as it takes time.
- Build a sense of overall cooperation.
- With student leaders, de-emphasize title, emphasize action.
- Have students begin rehearsal.
- Give every new student a mentor who enforces standards and makes sure the mentee feels fully included.

Teach students how to be teachers...

- ...then push them to teach each other.

Practice things wrong before doing things right.

- This helps students feel and hear the difference sooner and better.