



Music Ed Insights



Two Insights to take with you from... **Finding Success in Low-Income Schools** with Tim Gonzalez

Three things to know when working with students in a Title I school district are:

- Many students will not be able to afford private lessons or instrument rentals
- Transportation and responsibilities outside of school from parents working multiple jobs can impact students' ability to participate fully
- Teachers need to be understanding of the challenges students face and supportive of their diverse needs and circumstances

Five ideas for teachers in low-income school districts:

- Organize student contact information in Excel or Google Sheets for easy access
- Use Mail Merge to efficiently send letters and emails to parents
- Utilize Call-em-all or similar services to automate parent phone calls
- Establish a Remind group or other app for consistent parent communication
- Select student officers to assist with tasks and help share responsibilities