



Music Ed Insights



Three Key Takeaways for Music Educators from... **Unleashing Creativity: Accessible Music Education for All Students with Dr. Rhoda Bernard.**

1. Structure and Predictability

- Explicitly telegraph the day's agenda
- Maintain consistent beginning, middle, and end of class structure
- Reduce student anxiety by creating a predictable learning environment

2. Multimodal Learning Strategies

- Incorporate visual supports alongside auditory instruction
- Use visual aids that remain visible throughout the lesson
- Create learning experiences that support different processing speeds

3. Peer-Assisted Learning Approach

- Implement a "buddy system" where all students have learning partners
- Rotate roles so every student can be both a mentor and learner
- Give specific, concrete tasks for peer learning
- Avoid singling out students by making buddy work a universal classroom practice
- Ensure buddies help each other, not just one-directional support

Bonus Tip: Remember, you're not teaching music or curriculum—you're teaching human beings. Reach every person in the room by eliminating barriers and creating an inclusive, supportive learning environment.