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Four Key Takeaways for Music Educators from... Teaching Today's Kids: Inclusion, Accommodations, and Family Partnerships with Cortez Daniel

Accommodations = Access, Not Easier

- Keep rigor; adjust pace, format, and support.
- Don't "do it for them"—model, then have students teach back the steps.

Practical Inclusive Music Teaching

- Use short, concrete directions and lots of listening/tactile work.
- Make ideas relatable: connect to sports, stories, colors ("sing it pink").

Smart Use of AI

- Plan with AI using non-identifying accommodations lists for supports/extensions.
- Use AI for translations, visuals, behavior ideas, and better parent questions.

Relationships, Energy, and Families

- Your authentic energy and stories keep attention—even if you're "mellow."
- Ask families, "What are your goals? How would you like to help?" and plug them into the program.

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