

Arizona Music Educators' Association Annual Conference

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Hip Hop, African Drums, Ukes & More: Increasing Student Engagement Through Culturally Relevant Pedagogy

Description: Increase student engagement and participation in your general music classroom by creating a curriculum your students will relate to and enjoy! I will present about how to determine culturally relevant music to include in your classroom and unit planning techniques. This session will also include lots of specific activities and resources for teaching Hip Hop history and composition, African drumming, Ukulele, Native American musical traditions, and more! Perfect for the upper elementary or middle school general music classroom.

Tips and Tricks for Teaching in an Urban School Environment

Description: Teaching in an urban school comes with both its challenges and its rewards and the role of a music teacher often presents us with a unique opportunity to positively impact student lives. Learn ways to build your compassion for students, take care of yourself, and create a positive learning environment. We will discuss various techniques for working with students including mindfulness, restorative justice, neuroscience of the brain, and calm down corners and how to incorporate these into a music classroom. We will also discuss building a culturally responsive classroom and how this impacts student engagement.