

# Mrs. Behrendt's

## Philosophy of Education

***I believe in creating a classroom where all students feel safe and important.***

- I will create a classroom culture full of vulnerability and open-mindedness in order to increase optimism and engagement.
- I will be a model for students by setting an example that I am receptive to all students, embracing their differences and meeting their individual learning needs.
- I will set an example for my students for how to act and treat others, as well as show compassion and sincere feelings towards one another.

***I believe the music classroom should have clear expectations while still being enjoyable for all students.***

- I will set, model, enforce, and practice expectations with a positive attitude to help students strive for excellence and hold themselves accountable for their actions.
- I will put my best effort toward making the music classroom a place students want to be while keeping their best interest in mind.
- I will create opportunities for students to engage with the community and have real life experiences that help increase their knowledge of the content.

***I believe time in the classroom should be spent learning content and how to be a positive member in society.***

- I will create lessons where students can gain the information needed to be an involved member in the musical realm of society, being able to create, perform, and respond.
- I will create opportunities for students to make music through community service and fundraisers, giving back to the community.

***I believe all students can use their voice in the music classroom to share their thoughts without fear of discrimination while still being able to respect others' opinions.***

- I will create opportunities for students to share their talents as individuals and as members of a group.

***I believe students should learn the qualities to become a lifelong learner and to always be progressing for the future.***

- I will inspire students to gain the knowledge needed to find answers on their own, therefore being able to continue learning outside of class.

***I believe encouraging students through challenging times creates greater achievement.***

- I will create experiences where students can show what they have learned in visual, aural, and kinesthetic ways.
- I will assess students based off of what they know, can do, and can demonstrate.
- I will encourage students to work for their goals believing in them when they don't believe in themselves.