

ILMEA Professional Development in Your School!

All of the workshops below are intended for K-12 educators across different music content areas such as but not limited to: band, chorus, orchestra, jazz and general music. Workshops are tailored for each host audience through collected survey responses prior to the presentation date. To request information or to schedule a session, please contact the ILMEA State Office at stateoffice@ilmea.org.

Technology Tools for Music Education

Technology can be an empowering tool to aid student music learning, helping educators and students explore composition, share information and collect responses and data in a way never before imagined. This workshop will look at web-based tools that are responsive across Mac, PC, Chromebook and tablet platforms. Apps will also be explored to help extend the learning inside and outside of the classroom.

Student-Led Music Learning

Move beyond Danielson compliance with student ownership to create experiences that don't sacrifice ensemble quality but instead lead to lasting learning. This session gives quality thought to developing curriculum and creating classroom culture that allows for student leadership that is meaningful for student and program growth.

Standards-Based Grading in the Music Classroom

Standards-Based grading is a new and growing practice in the field of education. This workshop focuses on how music educators can work to achieve their classroom learning goals within this new grading structure. Take a deeper look at what it means to have standards-based grading in a music classroom and examine samples of different program structures.

Rehearsal Techniques

Rehearsals are the vehicle which directors use to take their students on a musical journey. Whether you are a high school band director or an elementary general music teacher, if you give a performance, you rehearse your group. This workshop guides K-12 music educators through a rehearsal audit, helping directors evaluate their preparation, process and effectiveness. Discussions, examples and tools will be used to help educators examine and renew their rehearsal process.

Illinois Music Learning Standards

ISBE has adopted the new Fine Arts Learning Standards to be implemented statewide in the 2018-2019 school year. The sessions below are tiered to accommodate districts at different points in the implementation process.

Tier 1 - Overview of the Standards: Their Meaning, Relation to the Past Standards and How to Implement Them In Your Classroom

Tier 2 - From Standards to Assessment

Tier 3 - Coaching: Looking at Your Student Learning Objectives, Assessments and Danielson

Classroom Management

Teachers and students are on a musical journey together. Great strategies that keep students on board and engaged depend on the culture of your classroom. This session looks at ways to keep students engaged, challenged, supported and understanding of your expectations. The workshop also looks at what happens when things don't go as planned and provides tools and conversations to build successful relationships.

Comprehensive Musicianship Through Performance (CMP)

Since the appearance of the National Core Art and Illinois Music Learning Standards, teachers have been asking: "How can I teach more comprehensively? How can I demonstrate to administrators and parents, in a language they can understand, a curriculum with clear outcomes that are not only skill-based but include critical and creative thinking, a wide range of knowledge and a strong affective dimension? How can I actually teach all of this and still get students ready for high quality performance?" Presentation options include:

CMP Overview: A basic overview of the CMP model, this is perfect for an audience that is not familiar with the model.

Music Selection: The importance of choosing quality repertoire.

Analysis: Studying the elements of music in order to get the most out of lesson planning.

Demonstration Rehearsal: (2-3 hours, also available for full day sessions) Participants become the class in a demonstration of a CMP plan.

More options available - inquire about other topics when requesting your session.