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Article 8, The CARE and Feeding of Students
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Discussion

In this article for the Society for Music Teacher Education, Ester talks about the importance of caring for your students in the classroom. My perception of it was that the art of classroom management and motivation of students requires great effort. It is the teachers' responsibility to establish rules and policies from the very beginning, noting consequences and rewards that will proceed doing specific actions. This article stressed about the importance of caring for ones' students. The care one might give to his or her own children is the type of care Ester explains having in his classroom. Having children of you own sensitizes the art of discipline and changes teachers' perspective on the whole matter. The main discipline strategy that was focused on was the CARE perspective. CARE standing for Expectations with Rewards and Consequences. By practicing this technique towards discipline, a teacher can be effective of maintaining the attention and motivation of a classroom. Do not try to please the students in the classroom or become their friend, you are their teacher first. Care enough to help them develop and learn from their actions whether they were positive or negative, and classroom management will be established.