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Discussion

This chapter involved planning for a successful student teaching experience. It talks about how important a good student teaching experience is for the future of the new teacher. Growing as a teacher during student teaching is extremely important, specifically in knowing how to fix one's own mistakes and figure out what sort of teacher you are. Developing personality and characteristics are vital to these teachers, also, there are many concerns that they have to be aware of and figure out such as transportation and housing while being in another place teaching. There are many other important things to keep in mind such as placement of school and where one will be teaching and the cooperating teacher that one will be working with. It is important to work hard and try to get along with the cooperating teacher. They are learning from their cooperating teachers and figuring out how to properly teach the students and gain their respect. This is where the interpersonal relationships between the cooperating teacher and students come in as well as with the entire music department staff and the university supervisor helping with the student teaching experience. This chapter also gives a great insight into the student teaching process as a whole. Next comes a job search and looking for jobs in a variety of ways and different tips for getting a job. Finally, the chapter talks about professional growth and development and then dealing with stress and burnout of teaching. It is always important to grow professionally as a teacher by joining organizations and possibly going to graduate school. When talking about stress and burnout, this chapter gives a great deal of input about how to get through these things and push through while teaching. They have tips on lowering stress and helpful ways to keep teaching interesting and always keeping your head. This chapter gives a lot of great information that I will need very soon in my career with student teaching coming up and a new job soon. I will be sure to keep this chapter in my mind when I am beginning these exact times of student teaching, getting a new career, and growing in professionalism so I can have a good set of guidelines to follow.