



**The Next Step: Ten Ways to Maximize Your  
Student Teaching Experience**

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# TAKING THE NEXT STEP

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1. Look and sound like the teacher you want to be.
2. Instead of wondering what you hope to get from this experience, wonder what you hope to give.
3. Ask yourself, “If you were a mentor, what would you expect from a student teacher?”
4. Don’t be afraid to ask, “Is there anything else I can do?”
5. Leave the impression that you are irreplaceable.

6. Remember that you carry the name of your alma mater everywhere you go.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Strive to find the balance between complete reliance on your mentors and self-sufficiency.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. “If you’re not making mistakes, you’re not doing anything. I’m positive a doer makes mistakes.” – John Wooden
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Consider that the music world is very small.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Practice positive interactions with both students and mentors.

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