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**Teaching Middle School Band in a
Low-Income Setting: The Toughest
Job You Will Ever Love**

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The Toughest Job You Will Ever Love.
(Creative tools when you don't have all the bells and whistles.)**

Strategies and commonalities of diverse and low income situations

- Teacher qualities
- Areas of flexibility
- Instrument placement interviews
- Instruments and Instrumentation
- Mobility
- Fundraising and Spending Considerations

Increasing Results by Increasing Engagement

- Environment
- Strategies
- Literature

Building Relationships to Increase Results.

- Together time
- Where your students "come from"
- Sectionals
- Fun
- Rewards
- Trust
- Safe Haven

**Inspiring Films
(real people!)**

Hidden Figures
Queen of Katwe
October Skies
Spare Parts
The Pursuit of Happyness
To Sir with Love
Dead Poets Society

Freedom Writers
MacFarland USA
Stand and Deliver
Mad Hot Ballroom
Apollo 13
Madame Sousatzka

Inspiring Biographies

I am Malala
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
Rocket Boys
The Miracle Worker

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Locating a Mentor(s)

Ask Colleagues

Consider college professors, supervising and cooperating teachers

Reach out to successful programs in schools similar to yours

Will your district assist in funding? Your Principle? Can you share a consultant with another director/program?

also...

Phi Beta Mu Band Director's Support Network

https://www.pbmalpha.org/bdsn_index.php

Services Provided

There is no charge for any of the services listed below.

1. Consultant/Clinician Services - Each member participating in the network will volunteer up to two free clinic/sessions each school year.
2. Class Coverage - PBM members will volunteer to cover classes for either a half or full day (at the discretion of the PBM member) so a director may observe other band directors in the area where they live.
3. Mentoring - PBM members will volunteer to mentor a director and provide ongoing support and guidance to this director through email or phone.

PBM will provide one free service per year for each director submitting a request.

TMEA Mentor Network

<https://www.tmea.org/programs/mentoring-network>

TMEA links successful music education professionals (mentors) with new Texas music educators (protégés) and offers a proactive program of one-on-one mentoring to each new music teacher for a minimum of one year.

(Available to TMEA Active Members only.)

Free and low cost technology -

Musictheory.net - free, customizable drills

Quizizz - free, multiple choice format, customizable, instant feedback, game like

sightreading factory - subscription, customizable

tonal energy - \$3, tuner, met, sound

muse score - free, open source music notation software

Audacity - free, music editing

fingering diagram builder - <https://fingering.bretpimentel.com/>

Timer with Sections - \$3, app timer for pacing