We’re All In This Together: Collaboration Between Music Educators and Music Therapists in Special Music Education

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Overview

1. Music therapy in public schools
2. Music education in public & private schools
3. Issues in music therapy
4. Issues in music education
5. Collaboration & consultation
6. Creating relationships between music therapists and music educators: How can we help each other?
Music Therapy in Public Schools
Music Therapy in School Systems

- MT is a related service under IDEA
- MT can be a part of the IEP
- Educational goals
- MT interventions address development in cognitive, behavioral, physical, emotional, social, communication, and sensorimotor skills
- Direct or consultant services
- MT can adapt strategies to encourage a child's participation in the least restrictive environment

AMTA (2006)
Types of Music Therapy Services in Public Schools

- Individual vs Group
- Direct, Consult, Resource
- Academic/curriculum support, IEP support, performance based, enrichment
Serves 3 school counties in group settings PreK-12

Purpose of MT:
- Curriculum support
- Developmental goals
- Performance based music therapy
Music Education & Special Music Education
“A well-rounded education for our nation’s students...should include the development of musical and artistic literacy allowing them to create, perform, and respond to music throughout the entirety of their lives.”

- National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Position Statement
Music Teacher Prerequisites

1. Coursework
2. Internship(s)
3. Licensure/Certification
Elementary vs. Secondary Music Education

- Learn foundations of music theory (both written and aural)
- Orff, Kodaly, Dalcroze
- Prepare for secondary music
- Music class is required

- Learn more advanced music theory
- Learn advanced performance techniques on instruments/voice
- Orchestra, band, and choir
- Music class is an elective
Elementary General Music
Elementary Ensembles
Secondary General Music

What’s on the AP Exam
Music Theory

The AP Music Theory Exam evaluates students’ understanding of musical structure and compositional procedures through recorded and notated examples.

- **75 QUESTIONS**
- **$92 EXAM FEE**
- **3 HOURS to complete the AP exam**
- **3 PASSING SCORE**

The AP Music Theory exam consists of 75 multiple-choice questions that account for 45% of the exam. The exam also includes a free-response section that account for the other 55% of the exam score.

45% Multiple-Choice Questions

75 Questions total
- Questions based on aural stimuli
- Questions not based on aural stimuli
- Discrete questions
- Questions in sets

55% Constructed Response Questions

9 Exercises total
- Melodic and Harmonic Dictation
- Part-Writing from Roman Numerals and Figured Bass
- Composition of a Bass Line
- Sight-Singing

Sources: apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse, MOMETRIX.COM
Music Education Settings in Schools

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Some schools do not have the materials and instruments pictured in these slides.
Special Music Education
Gretchen Everhart Concert
My Experiences as a Special Music Teacher

- Private piano lessons
- Music teacher for inclusive classes in a public school
- Music teacher at a private school for students with sensory processing disorders
- Music director at an autism center
Sensory School – “Play the Drum”
Sensory School – “Shake Our Instruments”
Similarities between Music Therapy & Music Education
Crossovers between approaches to music therapy and music education within School 2
Challenges During a Pandemic

Patel (2020)
Music Therapy and Special Music Education

Orff Schulwerk

Kodaly Method

Dalcroze Eurhythmics
Issues in Music Therapy
FOUR PRIMARY CONCERNS:
1. Not a standardized field
2. Advocacy
3. Funding
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Issues in Music Education
THREE PRIMARY CONCERNS:
1. Lack of Preparation
2. Music Assessments
3. Inclusion in Festivals

LOOK AT ALL THESE STANDARDS
MY CLASS NEEDS TO MEET
Collaboration & Consultation
Collaboration vs. Consultation

Adamek & Darrow (2018)
**Collaboration and Consultation**

**COLLABORATION BENEFITS:**
1. Meeting music standards
2. Placement decisions
3. Developing effective music lesson plans
4. MT visibility during the school day

**CONSULTATION BENEFITS:**
1. Guiding small group meetings with teachers
2. Increased contact with school personnel
3. Part of the interdisciplinary team
4. Learning about teaching kids with disabilities

How can Music Education help Music Therapy?

MUSIC TEACHERS CAN HELP BY:

1. Requesting a music therapist
2. Educating parents and teachers
3. Advocating to administrators
4. Educating future music therapists!

How can Music Therapy help Music Education?

**MUSIC THERAPISTS CAN HELP BY:**

1. Troubleshooting telehealth/video teaching issues
2. Inclusion techniques/methods
3. In-service trainings/consultation
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