



# CHOOSING A MUSIC TEACHER

You'll want a teacher who will inspire and nurture a student's musical growth and instill a lifelong love of music. When seeking a music teacher, consider:



## WORD OF MOUTH

- Consult with friends, family, and others who are familiar with teachers in your area.
- Ask for recommendations from local music organizations, schools, or places of worship.
- Arrange to interview prospective teachers or attend a recital program.

*Folks are willing to share their experiences if you simply ask.*



## CREDENTIALS



- Does the music teacher have a degree? In what?
- What performance experience does he or she have? What's their musical background?
- What methods of teaching do they subscribe to?
- Any noteworthy achievements?

*Ask yourself if this person is suited to teach the subject you're interested in.*



## VIBE & VALUE

- Trust your gut. Can you easily talk to this person?
- Does what they say resonate with you?
- What benefits will you reap in choosing this person?
- What are they offering that is of importance or useful to you?



Finally, ask yourself:

- Does this person seem passionate and enthusiastic about what they're teaching?
- Does this person move at a pace that matches my personal rhythm?
- Can this person teach the style of music that I'm looking for?

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