

How to Interview for your Next Music Position

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Clinicians:

Mr. John Brewington – Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Mr. Barry Tucker – Roanoke County Public Schools

Mr. Craig Robertson – Chesapeake City Public Schools

Mrs. Joyce Zsembery – Prince William County Public Schools

Mrs. Joyce Bassette – Richmond Public Schools

Did you Forget Anything?

- What's Important
- Essential Areas to focus on

Know Yourself

- What are your strengths?
 - Back it up with specific examples

Know the Industry

- Know your Content
- Be Current
- Best Practices in education/music education
 - Take me to your classroom...
 - Assessment
 - Grading

Know the Employer

- Know the School District/Division
- Know the School Program
- Recommendations

Before the Interview

- Practice
- Catalog your skills

At the Interview...

- Dress appropriately
- Be polite
- Focus on what you can offer
- Bring a resume
- Bring a legal pad to take notes
- What does the interviewer really want to know
- Prepare a few questions to ask
- Make hiring you an easy decision

Top Ten List



- 10. Miscellaneous
- 9. Management
- 8. Mastery
- 7. Philosophy
- 6. Money
- 5. Territory
- 4. Technology
- 3. Résumé / Portfolio
- 2. Speech
- 1. Dress