Path to Becoming a Music Educator at Texas Tech University

___ Freshman Year (spring) – enroll in Intro to Music Teaching

___ Follow degree plan for your selected area of emphasis (band, orchestra, choir):
   All degree plans include extensive peer teaching and field-based experiences in the schools in our efforts to
   make our program learner centered.

___ Maintain GPA: 2.7 required for teacher certification; 3.2 required for application to BM+MMED program.

___ Refine musicianship: solo performance, ensemble participation, conducting, rehearsal techniques, knowledge of
   secondary instruments, theory and history sufficient for passing comprehensive teacher certification exams (TExES)

___ Develop personal responsibility in order to lead the next generation of musicians

___ Semester before taking courses in College of Education:
   EDSE 4310 EDSE 4322, and EDLL 4382 (ESDE 2300 not included)
   1. Apply online for admission to the College of Education http://educgo.educ.ttu.edu/applications/educatorpreparation/
   2. Application deadlines are February 1 (for summer and following fall semester), and September 20 (for the spring
      semester) for initial undergraduate certification.
   3. Attend one College of Education (COE) Mass Advising meeting
      Mass advising is for students who have applied and been accepted into the teacher education program – it is
      required during the semester before they take their first upper division education classes (4310, 4322, 4382).
      Afterwards, COE will authorize their TExES testing and will be able to authorize their certification.

One Year before student teaching: Submit a PLACEMENT REQUEST form:
Fall Student Teaching – submit a Student Teaching Placement Request by September 20th of the fall prior
   to your student teaching semester.
Spring Student Teaching - submit a Student Teaching Placement Request by February 20th of the spring
   prior to your student teaching semester
Confer with appropriate music education faculty members prior to requesting a placement.
   • Student teaching placement is determined by the TTU Music Education faculty. Students may
     request out-of-area placement (given appropriate grades, musical development & maturity of
     judgment), but placement is a MMED committee decision.
   • Out-of-Area requests require a Placement Request PLUS an Out-of-Area Student Teaching Request
     form.
Students should not make or accept any commitments to specific cooperating teachers before placements are officially
   finalized by TTU.
   • Phrases such as “I’m going to student teach with you” or “I’m observing here so I can decide
     whether I want to student teach with you” or even “I want to student teach with you” or “I will
     request your school” are not appropriate.
   • When observing at a school, comments such as “I’d like to observe your program” are ideal.
Sequence:
___ Semester 1: Make official placement request in writing; Linda Gregston then checks your eligibility.
___ Semester 2: Meet individually with Dr. Killian regarding eligibility & appropriate placement. You
   will receive an email regarding specific time and date of this meeting, usually early in the semester.
   Dr. Killian will make the official request after meeting with you. As soon as the cooperating
   teacher has accepted, your placement is considered “official,” and you will be copied on
   all subsequent contact. You should then contact the cooperating teacher.
   ___ Send your cooperating teacher a resume and/or other information about yourself.
   ___ Meet again with Dr. Killian prior to leaving campus for the semester.
   ___ Expect much paperwork involving student teaching. Amount & specifics will vary by district.

___ Prior to Student Teaching - Take the TExES teacher certification exams
   EC-12 All-Level Music (Test #177)
   EC-12 All-Level PPR-Pedagogy & Professional Responsibility (Test #160)
   Register online at https://secure.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/

Music Certification in Texas: All-Level Music (EC-12 Vocal and Instrumental)
Teacher certification is granted State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC), upon successful
   completion of both TExES certification exams, recommendation of the TTU College of Education, and
   following receipt of the Bachelor of Music Leading to Certification at Texas Tech University.