



MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Vision and Values

The mission of MTNA is to advance the value of music study and music making in society and to support the professionalism of music teachers.

The mission is accomplished by members who teach with competence, act with integrity, volunteer services to MTNA programs, provide professional support for colleagues and communities, and comply with all laws and regulations that impact the music teaching profession.

The mission calls for an ethical commitment to students, to colleagues, and to society.



Code of Ethics

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS — The teacher shall conduct the relationship with students and families in a professional manner.

- The teacher shall respect the personal integrity and privacy of students unless the law requires disclosure.
- The teacher shall clearly communicate the expectations of the studio.
- The teacher shall encourage, guide and develop the musical potential of each student.
- The teacher shall treat each student with dignity and respect, without discrimination of any kind.
- The teacher shall respect the student's right to obtain instruction from the teacher of his/her choice.

COMMITMENT TO COLLEAGUES— TVMTA follows the code of ethics of MTNA. These can be viewed at <http://www.mtna.org/about-mtna/code-of-ethics/>.

In case of ethical dispute, direct communication between members who are involved is the first essential step in resolving the matter. Members are strongly encouraged to work out ethical problems themselves. If issues cannot be resolved by the involved parties, the TVMTA Executive Board may be contacted to assist in their resolution.



TEMECULA VALLEY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Code of Ethics (continued...)

COMMITMENT TO SOCIETY—The teacher shall maintain the highest standard of professional conduct and personal integrity.

- The teacher shall accurately represent his/her professional qualifications.
- The teacher shall strive for continued growth in professional competencies.
- The teacher is encouraged to be a resource in the community.

Practical Standards:

1. During competitions when judges are present, teachers must refrain from conversation with any judge before or during the competition until all results have been announced. Teachers should never discuss a student's performance with a judge or make suggestions as to the student's rating. Conversation with judges may result in immediate disqualification.
2. Be calm and pleasant at all times, even though something may have upset you. Your attitude can either put the children at their ease or make them tense and apprehensive.
3. If you have a legitimate complaint, take it quietly to the people in charge of the event. If something can be done, they will do their best to rectify it. If it is a situation, which nothing can be done about at the time, save your criticism and suggestion for the following weekday morning and either call the event chairperson or the association president. Remember, the success of all events depends as much on you as it does on the chairperson in charge. We must all be on the alert as to how we can be helpful at the moment and save our suggestions and criticisms for later when the time will be the most effective.
4. Above all, be cheerful, calm, and positive. The students performing are under enough strain without adding the burden of obvious discord among the teachers, judges and chairperson. Always remember that as professional teachers, we must place the well-being of the students performing above all else.

