

Evelia Gruber – Student Teaching Statement

I am thrilled to be applying to student teach at your school. Thank you for considering me to work with the music students at your institution. I am confident that I possess the personal abilities and professional skills in order to be a successful educator, colleague, and mentor as a member of your community.

The experiences I have had during my years at Central have truly prepared me for the next step in becoming a public school educator. I have served in multiple roles and positions that have helped me grow as a professional and individual. As Program Coordinator for the CWU Marching Band, I was able to refine my skills as a leader and educator in a very exposed format. My work as Band Manager taught me how to maintain professional relationships, hold myself accountable, take matters into my own hands, and work collaboratively whenever possible. All of these experiences have truly enhanced my ability to be an outstanding music educator inside and outside of the classroom.

I have known I wanted to be a music educator since I was in middle school. The spark that started this passion was having absolutely incredible music educators as mentors. The music communities that I was a part of in middle school and high school changed my life. Finding a place where I could be confident, artistic, creative, collaborative, unique, challenged, and curious was truly unforgettable, and lead me to have some pretty wonderful experiences. On top of that, learning how to be a practiced, thoughtful, intelligent, musical musician was another journey that will be with me for the rest of my life. I am entering into the education profession because I want to create spaces for students to have the same experiences, realizations, and growth that I was able to have because of music. Students deserve opportunities to learn, be creative, gain new skills, and be leaders in their own way. I truly believe one of the best places to do that is the music classroom.

As a young educator I am committed to teaching my students how to be musically excellent, as well as the best versions of themselves each and every day.

Thank you for your time and consideration.