**Music Education**

**Observation Preparation Guide**

Student Teacher Date

School

Class to be Observed

**Observational Focus**

What do you want me to pay attention to today and why?

*(classroom management issues, instructional techniques, assessment methods, conducting skills, etc.)*

**Background**

What knowledge, skills, and/or abilities is this lesson going to build on?

*(What have students been doing prior to this lesson? What will be new?)*

Are there any special circumstances that might influence the lesson?

*(special needs, schedule changes, equipment concerns, etc.)*

**Planning**

What are your outcomes for this lesson? Why are they important?

What strategies will you use? How will you assess progress?

What materials do you need for this lesson, and why are they appropriate?

*- For you, the teacher:*

*- For the students:*

What provisions have you made for individual differences?

*- In content:*

*- In procedures:*

**Evaluation**

How will you evaluate the effectiveness of this lesson?

**Other**

Is there anything else you would like me to know that will give me a better understanding of what I will see in your classroom today?