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Utilization of the Gordon Music Learning Theory in Elementary Classroom Music
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Method

• To determine what methods are being used in Dayton area elementary schools, a researcher-developed survey was created and sent to elementary music teachers via email.

Results

• Many of the participants indicated they used a combination of methods the majority of the time by checking multiple boxes.
• Only one participant indicated they used the Gordon Music Learning Theory most often.

Discussion

• It can be seen the Kodály and Orff-Schulwerk are the most widely recognized, but Kodály is the most used. Only one out of twenty-five educators indicated that they use the Gordon Music Learning Theory. It was also the least recognized. Audiation and playing by ear have greatly benefited musicians. Therefore, why is Gordon’s Music Learning Theory so underutilized?

What is audiation?
Audiation is being able to look at a piece of music and hear what it sounds like in your head without making any sound.