



6 THINGS TO  
LOOK FOR IN  
A FLUTE  
TEACHER







## KNOW WHAT YOU NEED

Are you looking for someone to help you learn technique? Don't hire someone who is more focused on advanced interpretation. Are you just starting? Make sure your teacher has learned how to teach beginners. Is this a hobby or career path? Communicate your goals during the hiring process and ask if they have a plan in mind to help you.



## UNDERSTAND YOUR LEARNING STYLE

Are you a visual, aural, read/write, or kinesthetic learner? Does the teacher involve all four to build up your strengths? Offering visual organization, playing samples, lesson and practice plans are some examples of a flexible teaching style. Most teachers offer a free trial lesson where you can explore this more.

\*Find out your learning style here: <http://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/?p=questionnaire>



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERFORMANCE

Learning how to manage nerves in performance is one of the many benefits music lessons offer. If your teacher doesn't offer recitals yet, ask them if they'll consider it! Managing nerves and performance preparation can help with confidence and other life skills like public speaking, study skills, and test taking.



## ORGANIZATION

Organization is one of the biggest clues to an experienced teacher. Look for a clear on-boarding process and outlined responsibilities and expectations.



## EDUCATION

A professional teacher may not be in your area and may be out of your price range. However, a teacher with at least a Bachelor's Degree in Music has extensive experience in all aspects of music education (theory, history, performance, teaching) and can pass that on to you. If they don't have a degree, be sure they have performing experience and meet all of the other criteria mentioned before.



## DO YOU LIKE THE WAY THEY SOUND?

Although everyone's sound and style is unique, if you study with a teacher for an extended amount of time, chances are you'll pick up some of the same habits.