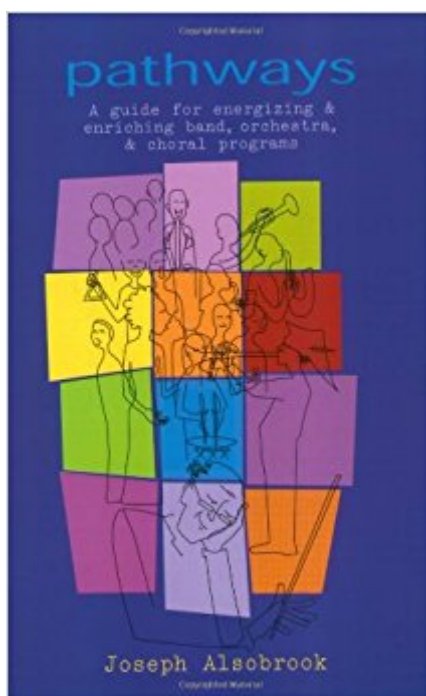


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# Pathways: A Guide For Energizing & Enriching Band, Orchestra, & Choral Programs



## Synopsis

Here are solid and exciting solutions to the challenges of running an effective school music programme, suggestions on how to motivate students to grow as musicians, and ways to retain students. Musician and teacher Joseph Alsobrook explains how to meet the needs of music students while simultaneously enjoying a rewarding and meaningful career as a music educator. Offering his wisdom with hands-on suggestions for practical and creative teaching methods, Alsobrook shows teachers how to build a music program filled with dedicated students and backed by a loyal community.

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## Customer Reviews

Joseph Alsobrook is a middle and high school band director and the vice president of the Northeastern Oklahoma Band Directors Association. He lives in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Excellent book - lots of great information that I plan to use this year!

Very well written and well organized book. Easy read and lots of great advice for the new (or old) teacher.

I love this book. It truly had me excited and inspired after reading it. There are many practical suggestions for running a band program, yet it's not necessarily a methods book. This book should

be the library of every band director.

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One of the best professional books I have ever read!

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Simple, easy to use ideas and strategies that address real-life in-the-classroom issues of student motivation, attrition, and creating enjoyable and energetic learning environments. I have been using only a small handful of ideas and strategies listed in this book (about 5 of them right now out of thousands) and it has made a noticeable difference in my classes. This book should be required reading for any music education major, beginning or veteran teacher. IT'S THAT GOOD!!!The book is not preachy or touchy-feely at all. It's just full of awesome ideas and really gets to the heart of what makes students tick. Worth it's weight in gold!

This wonderfully written book will inspire you to become a better teacher. Joe Alsobrook writes from his heart, leaving you with bits of inspiration and heart felt wisdom on every single page. You will choose to become a better teacher after reading this book! You WILL become a better teacher because of this book! It will leave you with a whole new outlook about the possibilities of creating something special in your classroom and within your students. This book is about so much more than the material we were taught in our college education courses! The author encourages us to reach beyond ourselves and be more than just educators with degrees. He suggests that we use our "gifts" to expand and enhance our student's learning experiences and he does so with much grace and experience. Although the subject matter in this book is music, the book's contents provides inspiration in a unique format that all teachers, in all subject areas, will greatly benefit from.

This book inspired me to reach beyond the expectations I've always had for myself as a teacher!  
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