

# **The Past, Present, and Future of Music Programs in the US: Implications for Finnish Music Education**

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# US Educational Structure

- <http://aestudyabroad.com/us-education-system/gat/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_in_the_United_States)

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- **Early childhood music**  
<http://earlychildhoodmusic.net/>
- **General music (K-5 or 6)**  
<http://www.tarleton.edu/Faculty/boucher/Elementary%20Music%20Resources.htm>
- **General music (middle/high school)**  
<http://musicalchildren.wordpress.com/2012/04/03/importance-of-play-in-the-middle-school-music-classroom/>
- **Choral programs (elementary and secondary)**  
<http://acda.org/index.asp>
- **String programs**  
(<http://stringprojectla.com/musicschoolprogramsantamonica>)
- **Band programs** <http://www.asbda.com/>
- **Music technology**  
<http://www.vtmidi.org/>  
<http://www.alexruthmann.com/blog1/>
- **Community music programs**  
<http://www.catawba.edu/academic/music/communitymusic>  
<http://www.icchoir.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Home>

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## The Current State

- **Urban music programs have been effected by lack of funds and declining student enrollments**
- **Suburban music programs still seem to be okay but rural programs are not doing well overall**
- **National Association for Music Education (formerly Music Educators National Conference) is soul searching**
- **Decline in attendance at national music education conferences including the Music Teachers National Association (private music teachers)**
- **String programs are having to reinvent themselves**
- **Band and choral programs in more conservative states (Iowa, Texas) are doing well)**
- **Music technology's adoption in school music programs is low (37% Northeast, 10% Midwest, 9% West, 7% South)**
- **Music technology in tertiary institutions is uneven, although there are over 60 degree programs associated with music technology across the country)**
- **Major conservatories and School of Music have been slow to embrace music technology (the most progressive programs are up and coming schools)**

# US Music Programs and Yours: The Future ??

- <http://www.nws.edu/>
- <http://www.music.gatech.edu/news/news>
- <http://www.engr.iupui.edu/news/bigrobot.shtml>
- <http://sound.media.mit.edu/projects.php>
- <http://www.cirmmt.mcgill.ca/>
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmwwrGV\\_aiE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmwwrGV_aiE)