

PHILOSOPHY
OF
EDUCATION

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My Teaching Statement



I believe that as teachers we have taken on a very important role in all of our students lives to make a difference and hopefully impact their futures for the better. With this new role comes great responsibilities and obligations to uphold. My beliefs as a teacher combine numerous teaching philosophies all wrapped up into one.

1. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STUDENTS

I FEEL AS THOUGH THE BEST WAY TO REALLY BE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR STUDENTS IS TO HAVE A CONCRETE UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHO THEY ARE AS AN INDIVIDUAL. AS A TEACHER, ALL OF YOUR STUDENTS WILL BE VERY DIVERSE AND COME FROM FAMILIES WITH VARIOUS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, FAMILY STRUCTURES, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMICAL STATUSES, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, LIKES, DISLIKES, STRENGTHS, AND WEAKNESSES. IT IS ONCE YOU IDENTIFY ALL OF THESE PERSONAL FACTORS THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO KNOW WHAT WILL MOST LIKELY GRAB THAT INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS ATTENTION AND GET THEM INVOLVED IN THE LEARNING PROCESS.





2. Kinesthetic, Visual, or Auditory





After getting to know your students and what makes each of them unique you must then find out the way in which they learn. If you were to find that all of your students show more qualities of a visual learner then you can cater your lessons to involve more videos, demonstrations, and other activities like that, whereas if they are more so kinesthetic or visual learners then you as the teacher are responsible for taking a different approach when creating creative and imaginative lesson plans.



3. LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM



I AM A STRONG BELIEVER THAT YOU CAN
STILL HAVE STUDENTS LEARN, PRACTICE,
AND DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY KNOW THE
MATERIAL THAT IS NEEDING TO BE
TAUGHT WHILE ACTUALLY MAKING THE
PROCESS ENJOYABLE AND INTERACTIVE.
BY GETTING YOUR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN
THE LEARNING PROCESS AT A YOUNG AGE
THEY WILL POTENTIALLY WANT TO
CONTINUE TO WANT TO EXPAND THEIR
KNOWLEDGE FURTHER THAN WHAT IS
REQUIRED OF THEM UNLIKE MOST
STUDENTS WHO DEVELOP A DISLIKE FOR
SCHOOL EARLY ON AND END UP LEARNING
JUST ENOUGH TO SKIM BY.



Interactive Lesson Plan Activities



Examples include:

- PowerPoints
- Centers
- Connections to real life scenarios
- Visual demonstrations
- Educational videos
- Student choice boards
- Group discussions



4. A Devoted Teacher

As a teacher you must be devoted to dedicating your time to the betterment of your students and allowing them to hold you accountable to your responsibilities. Your students should be able to count on the fact that they can come to their classroom daily with the expectation that you have spent the time necessary working hard to create lesson plans that will not only be informative but entertaining as well.

5. Classroom management

As the teacher the biggest part of classroom management is respect. In order to demand respect from your students you must show each of them respect as well. Each of your students are unique and special in their own way and deserve to be treated as such. One of the biggest key factors that play into your ability to manage a classroom is whether or not you are organized and capable of not just disciplining and reprimanding poor behavior but also knowing that you must find an equal balance. Finding an equal balance means that you must also know when to motivate your students in a way that builds their self esteem by recognizing their efforts and encouraging them to pursue further. All of this while making your students feel as though they have a safe and comfortable learning environment.

Every
child in
your class
is someone's
whole
World!

Everybody is a genius.

But

if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing



it is
stupid.

- Albert Einstein

Every child is gifted.
They just unwrap their
packages at different times.
-unknown

6. Furthering yourself

As a teacher your education is never fulfilled. You are a role model to all of your students and you should plan to take classes of your own in order to better your teaching abilities, keep up with technological advances, and grasp a better concept of the curriculum that you are teaching your students. In addition, you should be keeping up with societal factors whether they be up and coming with the current generation or changes in society which could be issues which challenge the classroom atmosphere.

