

Teaching Philosophy

I knew I wanted to become an art teacher since I started high school. My art teacher then was someone I really connected with and felt comfortable talking to about anything, so she is who inspired me to become a teacher. I always looked forward to going to her class because it was like a safe haven in there. It was such a welcoming classroom and my teacher made everyone feel so comfortable to the point where I felt as if not a single person in that classroom was judgmental of me or my art. High school is a place where everyone is finding themselves and I want to have a classroom that my students feel safe in and look forward to coming to. A lot of students who take art classes take them because they struggle in their regular STEM classes. For that reason, I feel that interdisciplinary art education is very important and something that must be incorporated into an art classroom. By having STEM subjects being talked about and used in projects in an art classroom, the students will be able to learn those subjects much better than they could by just taking that class. I would like to work with other teachers in the school that are teaching those classes to create art projects that follow along with what they are doing in class. My art teacher in high school also took a lot of time to make sure special education students felt included and were able to work with all of the other students while creating their art, and that is something that is very important to me too. I want to make sure that every special education student is able to be integrated into the regular classroom instead of being separated, especially because I want my classroom to be a safe haven for all students. Another thing that I feel is very important as an educator in general is to keep taking classes and workshops that can improve your skill sets and knowledge so that you can keep being the best teacher you possibly can. I plan on going to conferences, workshops, and taking classes to keep up with current art techniques and get ideas for new art projects.