

## Philosophy of Education

Teaching is an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career. Teachers shape and mold their students. As a teacher I want to share my joy of learning with my students and encourage their success. In the diverse area in which we live, I believe that schools should be a safe environment where all students are equal. I believe respect is very important in the classroom. This includes the relationship between teachers and students, teachers and parents, as well as students and other students.

All students are capable of learning; the difference comes in the route taken to achieve their academic goals. Teachers must possess the ability to differentiate lessons affectively and ensure that all students are given the opportunity to learn. As an educator I believe it is necessary to use a variety of strategies and materials to fit the needs of all learners. An effective classroom management plan will help guarantee the classroom is a safe and effective learning environment. It is also important to get to know students and their interests. Knowing the interests of students can help in motivating and engaging them in the learning process.

My teaching goals as an educator are to guide learning and reach all students. Learning is more meaningful when concepts are discovered rather than being told. I want to steer students toward the desired information using an array of techniques and hands-on activities.

To be an outstanding teacher, I believe you need patience, consistency, and flexibility. Teaching requires patience and understanding toward students, parents, as well as other colleagues. As a teacher you must show consistency with all students; especially when it comes to discipline. Flexibility is the key to being a successful teacher. Circumstances change and you must be willing to adjust and accommodate the situation. A love for children and a desire to make a difference in their lives is essential in the teaching profession.

As an educator it is very important to not only focus on the education of my students, but my own education as well. I am a strong believer in lifelong learning. I plan to continue taking courses and working on my own professional development. It is important to keep up with current research and incorporate best practices into the classroom.