

My Teaching Philosophy

I really believe teaching is a respectable profession. I have always admired my past teachers who seemed to be very passionate about their work and who always seemed to care about their students. Those types of qualities are what I wish to possess as a teacher. My philosophy of teaching is to inspire all children to want to learn.

One way in which I hope to achieve this philosophy is by encouraging my students to do their best when it comes to applying their skills and knowledge or when working on an assignment. I plan to work with my students individually throughout the year to help them set attainable goals for themselves. This should help the students feel accomplished when they reach their academic goals and motivate them to want to keep working hard in order to reach additional ones. I will also start out each day having the children recite some daily affirmations with me. These affirmations will include the children stating they will succeed when they do their best work and the affirmations will reflect all students are capable of learning and growing.

My other idea for motivating students will be to make myself available to help them when they need assistance. Especially for the children that struggle more, I will provide extra instruction to help them feel less discouraged about a particular task or assignment. I will also instill the practice of differentiating assignments, so all students can learn successfully. In essence, I will go around the classroom when the students are working on an assignment and ask them individually if they need any help or extra instruction.

Another way in which I hope to get students to want to learn is by developing trusting and supportive relationships with each of them. I will accomplish this with the students by meeting with them one-on-one every few weeks to make sure they feel they are succeeding academically and socially. Also, I will use this time to get to know the children individually by

asking them questions about themselves, about what they are interested in, or about what they like to do outside of school. I think developing a bond with students is very beneficial to encourage compliance and foster enjoyment of learning.

Students often enjoy learning when their teachers are passionate about teaching. So, another goal of mine is to convey to my students I am passionate about my work. I will do this with a positive attitude and constructive interactions in the classroom, even when there are obstacles to overcome or when children are being oppositional. Also, I will always try to be enthusiastic when teaching the students new ideas. By showing them I am excited about teaching new material, they in turn will likely be more excited to learn. Also, I will allow time before and after school to plan lessons for the days ahead, and I will also stay longer at the end of class to work with children who want or need additional help.

Lastly, I will motivate students to learn by having new and innovative lessons to keep them interested in learning. I will also use different teaching strategies throughout the year; I will not just give direct instruction all the time. It will be important to me to have the children learn from each other through discussion and interaction. Technology and different learning games will also be employed to keep the children interested and stimulated. Projects which I will assign throughout the year will also be another interesting way for the students to showcase the knowledge and skills they have gained.

My main teaching philosophy is for students to have the desire to learn. There are many different types of teaching strategies and philosophies which could accomplish this. I have used the characteristics from the teachers in my past who have inspired me to compose my own ways of teaching. I believe by providing encouragement to my students, developing trusting and supportive relationships with the children, showing my passion for teaching, and incorporating

new types of activities and methods for students to learn, I will be a successful at implementing my teaching philosophy.