

Philosophy of Education Paper

As a future educator, I believe that all students, regardless of race, gender, or academic ability, deserve to get the best education possible. I believe many things influence a child's education including their environment such as their classroom, their teacher, their concept of self worth, and many more factors.

I believe a teacher should not favor students because that takes away the possibility of every student reaching their best potential. I also believe a teacher should be compassionate and caring, but be stern enough to not get their kindness taken advantage of. Along with kind and compassionate, I feel that a teacher should be encouraging. Children are easily influenced and during their school years, they are developing self worth and (hopefully) gaining confidence. If a teacher constantly downs her students when they are wrong and does not encourage them when they do something right, it could impact a child for life. Teachers have an impact on every one of their student's future so I believe they should love their job and be enthusiastic about it. If they portray learning in a negative and boring manner, children won't be interested in it. We need children who love learning and thrive off of new information because that is what keeps our future bright.

I believe school and education are the foundation of success. If someone is uneducated, they are not capable of reading, writing, or communicating. Without any of these skills, a person cannot make a living. If you look at any successful business person or any successful person in general, almost all of them have a high school degree, if not a college degree. In the work world, people with bachelor degrees get

paid more than people who just have a high school diploma. Jobs that don't require a college degree require some sort of skill which must be learned which leads back to education. School also keeps kids busy and out of the streets where they could get involved with gangs, drug dealing, or sex trafficking. I believe education benefits children in more ways than just learning new information.

I also believe that parents should be consistently involved in their child's education. Through this field one experience and working at a pre-k center, I can see just how important it is for parent involvement. In my future classroom, I will have a way to communicate with parents about school events they can attend, about good things their child has done behavior or academic wise, or about things their child might be struggling with that they could help out with at home. Of course, some parents are more responsive than others, but I plan to be very inviting and open when it comes to them being involved with their child's education.

I believe part of being a successful teacher is planning and organization. I plan to incorporate many different styles of instruction in my classroom because not every child learns the same. It is my goal to have a visual aspect for visual learners, a hands-on activity for students who learn best that way, an auditory piece for my listening learners, and so on. I believe that good teachers always fit their lessons according to their students need. Teachers should be able to be flexible when it comes to lesson plans because not everything always goes as planned and that is okay. Although teachers should be flexible when it comes to actual instruction, I believe they should be strict when enforcing classroom rules. Classroom management is a major key to good

teaching. If you cannot keep your students under control, then you cannot teach them. If you are unable to teach them then that defeats the point of being a teacher. I will have my future classroom managed by whole brain teaching unless or until I find a method I like better.

I believe that a teacher is one of the most important jobs on this planet. Teachers are responsible for the education of the future. I believe teachers should be fair and honest and should attribute positive characteristics. I believe education itself is what runs the world. Lastly, I believe that each and every child matters and a teacher should do their best to bring out the full potential of all of their students.