Philosophy of Education

Being a teacher is one of the most underrated careers in the world. Teaching opens the eyes of students to the possibilities and knowledge about the world. With being a teacher comes so many other roles than just simply teaching, you are a leader, caregiver, moderator, and friend. These are just a few of the jobs a teacher does in one day, and being a teacher leads to so many responsibilities. One of the main responsibilities is to cultivate a diverse classroom in a diverse society. Showing the next generation diversity and many other skills will affect the future of our country.

Although school has been an integral part of society, it is truer today than in the past. I think school’s role in society is to bring up the next generation to make a better world. School plays such an important part in developing students into respectable citizens in the long run. Schools educate students not only to gain knowledge but also skills to function in society and do their part. The purpose of education is to not only supply the basic skills but to teach them in their secondary education more specialized skills and knowledge that will help them reach their goals in life. This is a tall task for schools to accomplish, but we can be assured that schools do this by having caring teachers. If you have teachers in a school that only view a school as a job and a task to educate, then the school won’t serve the students like they should. I think it is so important to hire good teachers that view education as an essential to make society better and truly care for their students to make sure that schools serve all students well.

While students come to school to learn, the school would be just a building without students to make it what it is. It is the students that make the school, not the other way around. Students are the key to the future. Without students, teachers would have no one to teach and no way to pass on the knowledge to the next generation. By going to school and being active, students play an engaged role in their education. They determine whether they will be successful in learning, or they choose to retain nothing at all. Students later in their education get to choose the type of role they play. They get to choose their class load and what their goals are. This is a heavy load to carry on a student, but we are assured that students are ready to assume these roles by careful guidance from their teachers, counselors, and peers. It is important that as a teacher we do not tell a student what to do and believe, but to guide them into finding it for themselves with the right tools. As a teacher, you want to give them all the materials to make an educated choice on their role. The ultimate choice is up to the student, but a teacher is a useful resource from their experiences to guide students in assuming their roles.

Both the school’s and student’s success are very dependent upon one common factor, the teacher. In my opinion, the teacher’s role is the key to success for both the school and the student. The teacher is a guide, mentor, and advisor to all her students. They truly help the students reach their goals. Teachers are also the key to what makes a school a home. They make the environment and have influence over how welcoming or unwelcoming a school is. This goes hand in hand with what I previously stated about how students assume their roles and how teachers reach their goal as an organization. As a teacher, along with all those other tasks it is important to not only value diversity but to engage it. Diversity is so prominent in today’s society that it is so important to encourage it, value it, and spread it within the classroom. The teacher’s primary responsibilities are to cultivate those differences and express it throughout the classroom. It is important for the classroom to be conducive to all different cultures, races, and learning styles which is the teacher’s responsibility.

While diversity is a key feature of the classroom, it is the teacher’s responsibility to build your classroom around diversity and the needs of your students. Within the classroom there are so many learning styles and as a teacher you need to cater to each of them. It is important to keep in mind all the different styles when planning the lesson, curriculum, and instruction methods. You have to address all the learning styles and make sure they all have the chance to understand and thrive in the classroom. In classroom management, you need to be aware of the different cultures to make sure you respect their cultures. Some cultures have things they must do a certain way, so out of respect for diversity you want to give all cultures a chance in your classroom. By being open in the classroom and working with all different cultures, you can assure all students will excel in your classroom.

With children being diverse, also comes their families being diverse. Family, no matter their backgrounds, structure, or makeup, should be included in the student’s education. Having a family involved in a child’s education is so important for the child to be successful. As a teacher, I would include all families by treating them all fairly and approaching them as what they are, the student’s support system. It is important to respect everyone and give them all the opportunity to be as involved as much as they want to. You should contact the head of the household for anything concerning the student. They make the decisions concerning the child. It is important to acknowledge diversity and to know your student’s background and family to accurately include them in the education of the student. By acknowledging the family’s culture, you can prevent from insulting them or disrespecting the student and their family in any way.

All in all, there is so many components of teaching that inner-twine to make an education work for the student. The teacher is in the middle of all those components, and without a great teacher, there would be no school and no one to guide the student. Being a teacher is hard work but so rewarding in the end. It is important to have good teachers that have the right qualities to ensure the success of the generations to come.