

Philosophy of Education

Education is what I believe to be the most important building block in any country's society. The countries where education is not available or given are much poorer and disadvantaged than those who have access to education. We can distinguish the people with an education from those who do not. Education is precious, because without it, I would not be able to express its importance in this paper right now.

Unfortunately, education is not important to everyone. There will always be people who do not care whether they receive a diploma or not. For me, I was raised to cherish the blessing of education. I loved learning new things and being taught, and the problem with education today is that most students do not have this excitement because educators do not implement excitement in their teaching methods.

A school's role in society is so important. Everything we do in a society is dependent upon individuals having a good education. Schools prepare students for either choosing a college to attend or jumping into a career. Most jobs require skills that are taught throughout a student's years in school. These skills range anywhere from reading and basic math, to writing essays and solving complex math equations. I could sit with someone and argue with them until I am blue in the face that school is important. Everyone needs to attend and finish until the very end.

In my honest opinion, if we pushed for better education and made it a bigger priority in this country, I truly believe that the United States would change tremendously. What I mean by this is to focus on what is important, such as finding the individuals who truly care about the students. Not the ones who focus on being done by three o'clock on the afternoon and having summers off. We need to find people who have a compassionate heart towards students, ones that have a pure desire to teach, and ones that have understanding that all children are different

and come from different stories. If we found these types of people to teach, then maybe students would not cut class, maybe they would enjoy learning and complete their assignments, maybe they would think about their future, and maybe they would get along better with others. I know that student's behavior starts at home with the parents, but teachers can also help and be someone that the students want to come to.

To me, the student is the most important focus in an educator's job. The educator's role is to make sure that each individual student knows their worth, potential, and ability to succeed. The teacher should remain positive in all situations and never think that a student is not important or incapable. Students are with teachers most of their eight-hour day at school, that is a lot of influence and instruction given from one person to another. Teachers have one of the hardest and most important jobs, because they help guide students down a pathway of learning. Each student walks down this pathway and each teacher from each grade has the job of guiding that student making sure they have the knowledge of everything that they are supposed to before handing them on to the next teacher.

I believe how a teacher runs their classroom determines how successful they will be in teaching their students. Curriculum is important but more importantly is how the curriculum is taught. I am a firm believer that every child learns differently, so I will teach to the students understanding. What I have observed and what I think is the best method for teaching, is letting the students be involved in the lesson and giving them hands on activities. Providing students with hands on activities allows them to absorb what they are actually learning, letting their brains absorb what is going on, and giving them an understanding of why they are doing what they are doing.

I want to make learning fun for the student by incorporating songs, visuals, dancing, and art. These things make it easier to retain information. I had a first grade teacher who made learning so much fun and there was not a student in her class that was not eager to learn, and I always said I wanted to be a teacher just like her. Throughout my years in school, I used to always say “It is not the curriculum that I cannot get down, but rather the way it is taught.” When you think about that statement it is so true. I took Pre-Calculus my Junior year in high school, and the first semester I had an A. The second semester I moved schools and I ended up failing the course. It was the same course taught by a different person. Curriculum will always be learned as long as the person teaching it knows how to burn it into a child’s mind.

Assessment and classroom management are things that I am not afraid of and have confidence in my plans. I believe each child should be given the same amount of confidence, praise, and encouragement from the teacher. When grading and assessing the students, it is obvious that they learn at different paces and have their struggles, but I as a teacher will grade fairly and make sure that each individual has equal opportunity. At the beginning of every year I will make sure my students are aware of the classroom rules and that I expect the rules to be followed. As long as my students respect my rules and I, there will be no issues. I am confident in my ability to keep a calm, well-behaved classroom.

Parent involvement is such an important role in education to me. I believe that parents need to be involved in and out of the classroom whether it be volunteering for events or reading with their child at home. If the students see that their parents are involved and want them to receive the best from their education, then it will inspire them to do their best. I will involve parents in as much as I can without letting them overstep in the classroom. I plan on e-mailing them to keep them updated, as well as sending home newsletters.

Education to me is one of the most important things in my life. Without my education I would not be where I am today and I would not be the person I am today. Learning is a gift from God, and I truly believe that it is my calling to share this gift with students. That is why I desire to be a teacher, because I know that I can make a difference in children's lives by sharing my knowledge and inspiring them to become the best they can be in all things.