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Intro to Education

### Philosophy of Education

Teaching is something that comes natural and straight from the heart. This profession is not suitable for everyone, except for a person whose main goal and focus is to educate and change the lives of their students. A well-known quote says “A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning”. I believe that this is so true, because teachers have the power to do a lot of things within and outside of the classroom, and all children should be exposed to a teacher that shows that genuinely cares and have a passion for teaching, listening, and becoming an influential role model to his/ her students.

As an educator, one has to have an appropriate demeanor towards teaching and the students regardless of their backgrounds and home life. The role for a teacher in this situation is to have an open mind and be accepting of the differences. Acknowledging the different backgrounds, making the students comfortable and secure about being in the classroom with students who are different than them regardless of the situation. All children should be afforded good education from a teacher who sees the differences and acknowledges them in a positive way. A teacher's demeanor towards these differences within the class should always be accepting whether she or he agrees or not. One of the main roles of being a teacher is to be open minded and embrace their students.

Every student is unique. Students vary from how they grow up, how they develop, their strengths and weaknesses, and their norms. But a teacher comes in and notices every little

detail about their students. They take their time and study the behavior of every single child and why they act the way they do. From understanding why Timmy do not talk in class because he is shy, and realizing Erin is always under her and following her around because Erin does not have a positive female role model in her life. A great teacher sees this stuff first hand and knows how to approach it. Some children grow up faster than others and have to take on adult role at a very young age. That teacher gives that child that encouragement to go on and stay in school to make a difference in his home life. Think about when we were in grade school, we say all kinds of different life experiences that each child went through, whether it was not having both parents in the home or having to stay with grandma versus that child that has both parents in their life. A teacher reassures those students who have diverse experiences in life and treats them to whatever they need or are lacking.

Not all students learn the same traditional way, so a teacher has to be flexible in alternating methods and ways to teach a lesson. Some students are visual learners. some are hands on, some are listeners. So incorporating different learning styles can be helpful in making sure every student understands the lesson. Also, using creative ways to give out knowledge can ensure that children are learning. Children can learn while having fun and teachers can keep students engaged by incorporating the likes of his or her students and making learning interesting, showing that innovative side.

Classroom management and classroom environment is one the most significant things when it comes to education. In a classroom, there are going to be distractions and disruptions, but a teacher has to know how to handle those situation the proper and the appropriate way. Teachers also have to have a relationship with students so when it comes time to discipline, the

students know that there is no harm intended. A great rapport should be an ongoing thing with both the students and their parents. Discovering this relationship early in the school year, makes it easier for the parent to believe that whatever their child is doing that is disruptive or incorrect they know to trust the teacher with their children. Having that relationship with their parents is a great way for the parents to become involved with their students academically. If a parent sees a teacher that actually cares about what she is doing that will make the parent want to step up and help out with any activities going on in school, and making sure that their child is keeping up with lessons and making good grades. Classroom behavior is not always about reprimanding a mischievous child but making the students feel a sense of security and knowing that the teacher will be their area of safety.

It is very important that students know the material and that lessons are not going completely over the student's head. Evaluations should be used to monitor the students and make sure that they are receiving the knowledge and that learning goals are being met. Just like the lessons, testings should be varied and modified as well. Different ways of testing should be used heavily so all children can have an advantage. Tests should also be flexed to measure the strengths and weaknesses, so the students can learn what they did get the hang of at first. Every test should not be weighed heavily, especially if the teacher feel like the students were not quite understanding or were interested in whatever lesson that was being taught.

In conclusion, a teacher has many roles from being a caregiver, third parent, counselor, all things wrapped into one, the most important role is to be loving and acceptable of the students.

