

Philosophy of Education

The role of a teacher is not one easily performed when done correctly. Those who teach become responsible for each and every one of their students as well as their student's take on education. It is a lot easier to be turned off to education and school all together than it is to be turned on to it. Teaching is a job with a plethora of responsibilities and tasks to perform. As a teacher one must take a personal interest in several students at a time and wear many different hats while doing so. Most people think the job only involves teaching geometry or spelling words, but educating is only the surface. Teachers are role models, confidants, cheerleaders, and slew of other things that aren't in the job description. But of the ones that are included in said description professionalism, lesson plan construction, effective teaching, and diversity of assessment are of the most importance to me.

Teachers need to maintain professionalism at all times. To be an efficient and proper educator one must carry themselves accordingly to successfully teach diverse students. The way a teacher carries his or her self is very important. When an educator doesn't look the part, attire wise, their appearance can miscommunicate their character or intentions. It's important to try and prevent making a bad impression that leads to employers, colleagues, parents, and potentially students not taking you seriously. Professionalism also goes further than the right outfit. There is a certain level of professional etiquette that is standard for educators. A teacher shouldn't dress like the student, make

inappropriate post on social media, or cross boundaries beyond their role as educators. Despite popular belief this has nothing to do with creed, religion, or small town gossip, these ethics allow for proper control of the classroom, and appropriate interaction with parents and students. As an educator, a certain level of poise, self-discipline, proper manners, and human decency come along with the territory.

It is also a strong belief of mine that lessons should be carefully constructed to challenge the students just enough while remaining developmentally appropriate. I've experienced firsthand how disappointing a lesson lacking rigor and relativity can be to a student interested in learning. Each lesson should incorporate opportunities for students to activate prior knowledge. When students have something to relate or associate new material with, it increases the chances of them remembering. I believe whole-heartedly that when given lessons both relevant and challenging a whole new love for learning can be cultivated.

There are many different ways to teach but what makes truly makes a difference is effectiveness. An effective teacher makes sure that he or she teaches in a variety of ways to appease the diverse learning methods of their students. It can help better meet the needs of the students. Effective teachers are more than knowledgeable of the content they are teaching. This is a must because you cannot properly teach something you only halfway know. They also possess the proper pedagogy to teach. This is the actual capability of getting the information across to the students. To maintain this aspect of effectiveness

it is ideal for a positive rapport to be established between the teacher and their student. This is because student's do not learn from people that they do not like.

Another important element of a teacher's job is to create and maintain an optimal learning environment. This is an environment where learning can best take place. This is done by setting the stage for learning to take place and managing a classroom fit to do so. It is hard for engaged learning to take place in a classroom that is dirty, or noisy, or controlled by the students. Promoting fairness is also a good classroom management practice. Being fair is making sure that each student has what they need to be successful. This is key in maintaining an optimal learning environment. It is also important to create an environment in which your students can thrive. Teachers should set high goals and standards for their students. It can serve as motivation for learning.

Assessments are used as a tool to evaluate the student's knowledge and let the instructor know where they are in terms of the subject matter. Teachers should always use multiple forms of evaluation when assessing the extent of the material students retained or grasped. Using only one form of assessment is unfair. Out of the the multiple learning styles such as visual, auditory, and kinetic for example offering only one method of assessment only opens the door for certain types of learners to be successful in your class. There are many options such as teacher made test, projects, group discussion, writing assignments, and etc. By using multiple evaluation strategies, you can successfully determine your next step, and monitor the student's progress. After successful evaluation, you can also determine if the teaching methods used were effective.

In conclusion, a teacher must always remain professional, structure the lessons, assignments, and test to the best of their ability, and to foster an environment in the classroom to best meet the needs of their students. My philosophy on education is very simple, I believe that the overall duty of an educator is to push relentlessly in an effort to inspire lifelong learning.