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## Philosophy of Education

Every individual person's philosophy is different when it comes to education, its importance, and the role it plays in our lives and society. Everyone has individual experiences that have affected them and helped form their philosophy of education. As a future educator, I see the importance of effective teaching strategies, catering to the differing learning styles of students, and appropriately preparing students for their futures. In this paper I am going to discuss my personal philosophy of education and in what way that will impact my how and what my classroom will be like. While I am thinking of this, I will also be reflecting on my own personal experiences and how they have helped form my personal outlook on education.

While in schools, the students learn various types of skills. From the beginning of their schooling, they are introduced to life-applicable skills, educational skills, social skills, and communication skills. Through spending time in a classroom, students will learn and grow past the point they were at when they entered. Students' growth and achievements should be my main focus as a teacher. I believe I should be teaching the required curriculum in such a way that visual learners, kinetic learners, and auditory learners have no issue comprehending what is being placed in front of them. Often times students' test scores do not reflect the learning that they truly are experiencing. My outlook on the students' learning progress is this; all children have individual learning styles and just because a student may not follow traditional learning styles that reflect in their standardized testing, it does not mean they are not learning. School is a place to learn so much more than just material that will be tested over. School is a place for students to learn communication skills, social skills, networking, and appropriate interaction between peers. I will always push for appropriate socialization for students because a crucial part of who we are as people is formed through the conversations we have and the friendships we

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form during our 12 years of school. I see any type of social progress, intellectual growth, or an increased comfortability with learning as a job-well-done from an educator's point of view. I plan to teach my students through learning strategies that they learn the given material and they score well on their tests, but if they do not, they are not a lost cause. The most important thing I can focus on is that my students are learning and growing as people.

A teacher's role when it comes to education is so much more than pouring information out in hopes that their students will retain it. teacher is a constant encourager, a guiding hand, a person to rely on. The most important thing I think a teacher can be is encouraging. School is very difficult, no matter the level you are at or how you learn. No matter whether you have special needs or not, whether your home life is difficult or not, whether you struggle to get their daily or not, school can be so overwhelming at times. I am most guilty of getting down on myself when times get difficult and allowing these negative thoughts and feelings affect whether I would learn the material those days or not. The only way I survived high school was through teachers who truly cared about me and constantly gave their all to help me. Many students poured extra time and help into me, and that made me who I am today. Without the I believe those teachers cheering me on from the sidelines, I do not know if I would have the passion for learning like I do today. I believe the most important thing any teacher can be is encouraging and helpful. A teacher's attitude will carry over to the attitude of their students and truly form the way the students will feel about learning for their lifetimes.

Family involvement in a child's education is very influential to how they receive their education. Students who are supported and encouraged are typically going to enjoy school and hope to do better than students whose families are unengaged. When children feel as if their education matters to someone other than just themselves they are often encouraged to do better

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and in turn perform better. I will fully encourage an appropriate amount of family involvement within my classroom during specified days, times, or events. For example, parents will be strongly encouraged to attend all parties, activities, and of course parent teacher conferences. I believe it is important to build a relationship with the parent that way they feel more comfortable coming to you if they see an issue in their child's learning. I feel opening up the alleyway for conversations will encourage students' parents to become more involved and help their students learn to love education.

Education does not only affect the students home life and personal life, education has a tremendous impact on our society. By building up a generation of strong, independent learners who are comfortable in their abilities, we are creating an entire society of those learners. When the people in our society are advocating for education, promoting learning, and encouraging our students to actively fall in love with learning every day, our world will become a better place. I hope that one day while I am teaching, I can see education make that type of impact on our society. I hope to keep a strong hold on my beliefs and ideas as I begin my teaching adventures. I believe the concepts I have built my philosophies on are tried and true. Students will always need love and encouragement. Students will always need someone to be their advocate. Students will always need someone to make them feel included. I hope to be that "someone" for my students one day soon, regardless if they have a disability or not.