

Sarah Green: Philosophy of Education Paper

My personal goal for my future classroom is to challenge students and watch them grow to their full potential. I want to take each student at different levels and see how they develop together for the better enrichment of each individual student. Therefore, I believe that group work is the key to having a successful class and is something I value, especially with older students. The impact of group work, when students help fellow students, changes each person and transforms the atmosphere of the class.

In my classroom, I want students to have the freedom that allows for their own expression and creativity. Students should be able to experiment and determine their own likes and dislikes to realize their own strengths and weaknesses. With this I am hoping that each student will have a better understanding of who they are in the class and outside of the class. After this base is developed, a curriculum can be molded to fit each student's learning style and personal needs.

I want to teach students in a way that has some straightforward instruction, but something that also gives the students room to grow and to expand on their own. At the beginning of the year, it is understandable for the teacher to lead class discussions. Towards the end of the year, students should be able to pose their

own questions and opinions during class discussions while trying to answer independently. I feel it is key that instead of telling students how to solve a certain question or telling them how to get to an answer, is to allow each individual student to find their own way to solve a certain equation. This allows each student to expand on their knowledge and to teach them how to find certain information in a variety of different ways. I also feel a key to success is for the class to work on projects to help others. As an educator, it is important not only to help the students that you are teaching, but also give them direction to help others.

As a future educator, it is critical to remember to enjoy the students and everything they can offer. It can be a struggle at times, but if something goes wrong, there is always a way to fix the problem. No matter what, there is always the power to make change. As a future educator, I hope to instill the love of learning in the minds of my future students and continue with my education as well. I feel that is necessary for students to receive a strong education as well as being able to work alongside others to achieve a certain goal.