

Philosophy of Education

I have many personal goals for my future classroom, but my most important goal for myself as a future teacher and for my future students is to always be open to change. Education is constantly changing and growing and we have to be willing to change and grow with it. We also have to be open to the idea of changing education ourselves; I mean what better way to learn than to challenge ourselves and try new ways of learning. I want my future classroom to be viewed as a place of opportunity, where challenges and creativity is welcomed. Each group of students will be different each school year and there will be multiple opportunities for me as a future teacher to change how students may view education. I want to be the change in that one student that may feel like school is pointless, or that their education is hopeless because maybe they had a bad experience with learning in the past. I want to be the change in that one student who may not believe in themselves because their reading level is not as high as one of their peers. I do not want to just change with education, I want to be the change in education to better the future students I will be teaching.

I also want my future classroom to be a friendly and welcoming environment for my future students. I want each and every student I may have walk through my classroom door to feel accepted. I think it is important for students to feel accepted that way they are more comfortable with the idea of learning. It is hard to focus on learning something when one feels like they do not “fit in” because of their differences. I want my future students to realize diversity is a good thing and that each student offers something different that we can all learn from. I want my future students to grow

individually but also as a whole and that is why group work will be encouraged in my future classroom. I feel like by offering the students a chance to work with their peers gives them an opportunity to learn from one another and maybe even help another student understand something better.

If the students feel accepted and welcomed in my future classroom, they will also be less afraid to fail in front of one another. In my opinion, failure can be one of the best ways to benefit in education. By failing, we can look at how we failed and see where we went wrong and make a plan of how to fix it. Failure can also be used as a motivator to push students to keep working until they find the solution. I never want any of my future students to feel like if they get a question wrong or do not understand a concept we are going over that they cannot come to me with questions or be afraid that they will be looked at as “dumb” by other students because we learn by asking questions and testing theories and even by failing sometimes. Now of course I do not want my students to continue to fail over and over again and think having a failing grade is okay, but I do want them to know it is okay to not always have the correct answer or not always understand a concept right away, otherwise we would not be challenged. Students need to have room to fail before they can have room to grow and by seeing what students struggle with will help me have a better understanding of how to teach them.

As a future teacher, I look forward to changing the lives of the next generations and seeing what all they have to offer because I will be learning from my students just as much as they will be learning from me.