

Philosophy of Teaching and Learning

Teaching is not a job, it is a passion. There is no better feeling to me than knowing I have had an impact on a child. In actuality, it is each of those impacts that come to form the society we live in. In its simplest form, that is the sole purpose of education. To build well rounded citizens who build upon the society in which they live. To have success in this belief, it is crucial that I accommodate the needs of all my students. It is vital that I constantly differentiate instruction so that all my students share one commonality, and that is an equal and fair education.

The core to any education is the teacher. It is my job to see that my students are given the best education I can. I believe that discipline in the classroom is the key component to creating a successful atmosphere for education. Control in the classroom leads to a safe environment, which ensures an ideal setting for learning. Discipline itself starts with the tone that is set in the classroom. It is preventing behavior, but also dealing with behavior issues in a meaningful, fair, and caring way. In doing so, students can thrive in an environment where engaged and effective curriculum is the main focus. The quality of education reflects the discipline given by the teacher. Without discipline, education and learning could not be possible.

With management in place, the remaining pieces of the educational classroom can come together. Curriculum must tie in with state and national standards so my students stay at pace with all other students their age. It is important to constantly engage the students in the curriculum, and to always to remember that I am there as a one who guides not tells, for that is how a true understanding is formed. With that, it must also be known that a student's understanding should not always reflect a score on a test. There is much more to learning than a number written on a sheet of paper.

Education is not just held within the confines of the school. For a student to be successful a bond must be formed between the parent and teacher. I must always keep parents and the community informed of my expectations. This includes getting these individuals directly involved with the student's education by any means possible. The more I get the world involved in my students' education, the more they will see meaning behind what is being taught. True learning happens when all components of one's surroundings are involved.

With the schooling system comes two things, the educator and the learner. Without those two things there is no system. In being an educator, I expect two things from my students; Respect, and a passion to learn. The latter of the two is my responsibility. If I do my job the way I believe, all students will gain an enthusiasm for knowledge in some way or form.

Education defines the world we live in. What I do in the classroom, will reflect the ongoings of our society. There is no other profession where one word or smile can affect an individual for the rest of their lives. That alone, is why I do what I do. My job does not just consist of one thing, it consists of everything. Whatever I need to be for an individual that day I am. When facing thirty young students, I am the last thing that matters, for I am an educator, and this is my passion.