

Teaching Philosophy

Our children are our future leaders. Every student should have the resources needed to gain a meaningful and proper education. I want to be a teacher to help prepare our future leaders for adulthood. I want the students to be able to thrive in whatever career they choose. I know I will not be able to help each and every student through their academic career. But if I can help or reach one student in a positive manner each day, I have done my job. Not only will I teach the students academics, I want them to learn life lessons that will stay with them throughout their lives. Sharing with others, caring for others and being honest are just a few values I would like to teach them. Those values were instilled in me by my family from a very young age and I still live true to them.

Some of the values I also learned in school are still with me today. Teaching values in school helps students learn and practice healthy attitudes and behaviors. As a teacher, I can reinforce these attitudes by modeling them for my students and encourage them to behave in the same way. I do not want to be the teacher that is always in a bad mood and students don't want to come to my class. I will always have a positive attitude. I feel if you have a positive attitude, it's contagious and also will make the students more comfortable in my classroom. This can also assist with the students coming to me with personal and academic issues. I will strive to do my best in helping the students with any issues they are having or direct them to the right person to help them if I can't. Because as educators, we don't just teach. We guide, counsel, motivate, inspire and interact with the community to affect positive change.

I would like to create a student-centered learning environment. I want to have meaningful discussions and conversations relating to the topic so all students can understand no matter their learning type. Active learning will also be key in my classroom. I do not want the traditional classroom where the teacher stands at the front and talks the entire class and expects the students to retain the information. My students will learn how to solve problems, investigate and create new processes or ways of thinking. During that time, they will also struggle with their own complex questions but they can then make a decision and explain it in their own words. I don't want the students just to think one way, I want them to explore other ways of thinking and apply it to their every day tasks.

The process of learning often requires a willingness to consider new and sometimes conflicting information- and then use that information to update an opinion or form a new one. In my classroom, that's a skill I can model, and provide my students the opportunities to practice that skill. Our students come into class with very firm ideas and beliefs about certain topics because it's the only perspective they've known. I really want to push the envelope with them and have them change their way of thinking. Not completely, but have them look at things from a different perspective. This will help them not only grow as students, but also as a person. My students will then take the knowledge learned in my classroom and continue to apply them after graduation into adulthood.