Philosophy of Education

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Philosophy Statement

Teaching is a profession where one has a lot of opportunities. Not only must a teacher provide day-to-day activities, an educator must also provide a safe learning environment while leading students to meet or exceed their goals. Each child deserves a fair chance to learn and be successful. In order to accomplish this, I must take responsibility for student learning, demonstrate strong pedagogical content knowledge, and display professional characteristics.

The key to success in the classroom is the ability of the teacher to foster each child’s individual learning style. In order to achieve this, I will differentiate my instruction with the use of a variety of instructional teaching methods such as group activities, partners, lectures, and classroom projects. One must be mindful of each instructional method, monitoring and making changes as needed. I will use a variety of assessment tools such as tests, interactive discussion, and class projects to monitor student progress. I will provide an environment that is welcoming and positive for students to learn. This can be done by setting up a classroom that is friendly and inviting. I will provide a daily schedule for the class so they know what to expect and encourage participation of all students in all learning activities.

One aspect of teaching is the teacher’s pedagogical content knowledge. To be an effective teacher, I will need to be knowledgeable and enthusiastic of the subjects I am teaching. I will also need to apply differentiated teaching methods in order for my students to comprehend the material. In addition to the resources that are available to me, I will also use group activities, partners, lectures and class projects. In setting up these activities, I will need to be mindful of all types of learners and adapt my teaching skills to meet all my students’ needs. I can do this by grouping a variety of learners into the group activities and partnering students of different abilities.

The final aspect to being a great teacher is to display professional characteristics. Effective communication is one of the most important characteristics that an educator must possess. It is the cornerstone for building relationships with students, parents, colleagues, and administration. I must be able to build relationships with my students, parents, and colleagues in order to provide a good support system for my students’ learning. I will take my job seriously. As an effective teacher, I will be organized and prepared for the students as they arrive each day. I will act in a professional manner in and out of school. I intend to be available to my students and their parents so we can achieve the best learning opportunities possible.

Teaching is a very rewarding profession. I look forward to watching my students grow in knowledge and skills and learn from them. A successful year will be a good building block for my student’s future.