

“Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.” This quote is from Walter Bagehot and is one that I firmly agree with and believe in. As a teacher I want to leave an impression on my students. One in which they know the things in life they must do in order to succeed, even if they are things that may be challenging for them.

My Philosophy of Education is centered on the following areas: What I believe the purpose of education to be, the role of the teacher, as well as the student, to be in education, the things I will do to meet the needs of my students; as they all learn differently, and why I have decided to become an educator. Also, my philosophy is aligned with the basic philosophies of education.

I believe the purpose of education is to:

- Further students understanding of content in any given course. It is important that students understand and know the workings of basic subjects. This also means that students must know how to apply the knowledge they have gained.
- To grant students with the life skills they need to succeed. Skills such as, critical thinking, problem solving, group communication, and leadership are very important for students to be successful in future situations.
- Prepare students for their future in education. Early education is the building blocks for all future education in a student’s life.

I believe the role of the teacher in education to be:

- To guide learning in the classroom. Teacher guided learning is very effective and promotes a positive learning environment. It is a necessity that the classroom is a positive, constructive, and inviting place for students to learn and ask questions.
- To express the relevance of what they are teaching and to relate it too not only life inside the classroom, but to real-world situations as well.
- Facilitate a variety of activities in the classroom. Students should be guided and given instruction, but should also be give the opportunity to be creative and expressive.
- To provide updates to parents and community members. It is important that teachers not only connect with their students, but with parents, faculty, and the community as well.

I believe the role of the student in education to be:

- An active listener. Active listening is a major part of any conversation, including classroom activities. This does not mean this will be easy or even possible for all students, as they all learn differently. It is not reality that all students will actively listen all the time, but all should make an honest attempt for the majority of the day.
- An active and positive participant. Being an active participant means answering questions and asking questions, this does not mean that students have to always have the right answer, but should make an attempt to find it. Being a positive participant means that students should make an honest

attempt, without being disrespectful or disruptive. Participating is key in the learning process.

The things I will do to meet the needs my students are:

- Provide lessons for all types of learning styles. All students learn differently and at different rates. It is my job as a teacher to encourage learning in all students and to provide the means for them to do so.
- To make myself available to help students who need extra help. It is my responsibility to provide the opportunity for help to my students, this may mean coming in early or staying late, but in order to make sure that all needs are met, this is what is necessary of me.
- To be creative and expressive. Teaching lessons in new and creative ways will help promote learning in the classroom. If the students think the activity is exciting or interesting they are more likely to remember the information.

I have decided to become an educator for these reasons:

- I find working with young people very rewarding. I have worked with children for years and it has always been my dream to work with children in an educational environment.
- I have been encouraged since my youth to become an educator. My parents, friends, and past teachers have all told me that I would be a very positive addition to the world of education.
- I think that a good education is the beginning of success for students and I want very much to be apart of that journey.

My Philosophy is aligned with progressivism in these ways:

- Students learn by doing; a more hands based lesson plan
- Students must apply their knowledge and skills to everyday situations
- Cooperative learning and social interaction are very important parts of the learning process
- Curriculum is based not only on basic subjects, but also on the interests and experiences of students

My Philosophy of Education is centered on various areas, all of which are stated.

The first states that the purpose of education is to further students understanding of content in any given subject, to grant students with life skills, and to prepare students for their future in education. The second is my belief that the role of the teacher in education is to guide learning in the classroom, express the relevance of what is being taught and to relate it to life in and out of the classroom, to facilitate various activities, and to provide updates of classroom progress and activities to the community. The third is my belief that the role of the student in education is to be an active listener and an active and positive participant in all classroom activities. I also believe that as I teacher I must provide lessons for all learning styles, make myself available outside of school/class time hours, and must be creative and expressive to promote learning. The last section of my Philosophy of Education is how it is aligned with progressivism. I also believe that students learn by doing, students must apply their knowledge, cooperative learning and social interaction are important in the learning process, and that the curriculum must vary from basic subjects to real life interests and experiences.