

My Philosophy

I believe that students learn best when they are encouraged by their teachers. Positive reinforcement helps them feel motivated and empowered. I believe that having students work in groups helps their social interaction and teaches them different thought processes. These are some of my progressive beliefs.

The most important role of the school is to prepare the students for their future and make sure they have the tools to succeed. Schools also have to provide a safe environment for the students. Building the students' confidence is essential for them to move forward and improve.

Students succeed because they have parents, teachers, and peers who will encourage them. Also, having a willingness to listen to the student helps build their self esteem and they will be more likely to perform wonderfully if they have a higher self esteem. Students succeed with motivation, encouragement, and guidance from their teachers and parents.

The most effective way to teach is to use examples of everyday life that can relate to the subject. I also believe that having students work in groups they will exhibit leadership and be more likely to retain information. I believe that critical thinking is essential in teaching a lesson. They need to be able to analyze information and form an opinion on the matter. Being informative and helpful but having a balance in letting the students solve problems and ask questions.

Learning should be measured by several things; empowerment, attitude towards new subjects and the ability to ask questions. The students should be able to work as a group and propose new ideas and meanings to subjects. If students are not raising questions they are not learning.

The greatest strength I bring to teaching is the fact that I truly care about my students' well being and future. I will make sure my students will know how important education is and how possible dreams really can be. Encouragement and an invested desire to make sure they succeed. Communication is also the best thing you can do for a student. Making sure they know where they stand, where they need to be, and letting them know you will help them get there.

I believe I have an eclectic sense of philosophies for teaching. I am definitely progressive in my methods. Some ideas of existentialism are present in my ways were I want my students to be aware of freedom of choice, and hold themselves responsible. Throughout my career with experience, change, and self-reflection my philosophies will constantly change; especially my first year of teaching, and if I make it my 20th year of teaching. Ultimately, my goal is to be the best I can be not only as a teacher, but a person.