

## Philosophy of Education

The process of learning is a lifetime endeavor which occurs both in and out of the classroom. Each day is a new learning experience for the students along with the teachers. As a teacher, it will be my responsibility to draw connections between these two modes of learning in order to strengthen the cognitive ability of my students. Every child has the potential to be successful; the road to success is a team effort. Teachers, parents, students and administrators are all apart of the education process. It is the responsibility of the teacher to help their students be successful life-long learners.

As an English teacher, I assure the material taught in my classroom is pertinent to everyday life. Also, there will be the use of technology in my classroom; this includes the use of the computer for PowerPoint presentations and the use of the television and DVD/VCR player for films when appropriate. The subject of English includes reading, writing, grammar and rhetoric; the knowledge I have gained throughout college has given me insight that I will use to teach an English curriculum.

Students will learn the importance of grammar and incorporate grammatical concepts into papers, project and oral reports. It is important to teach lessons that include clear descriptions of grammar rules. Without these lessons, students will not be able to learn the correct use of grammar in written compositions. Comprehension of literature is also important; with each piece of literature, there will be new vocabulary, role playing, tests, papers, and possibly field trips and films. I will challenge each student to relate the literature we read to his or her daily life.

It is important for my students to know what material is on the agenda each day. I will write the agenda on the board for the students to see upon entering the classroom, so they have an idea of what I hope we will accomplish. Students often need a reminder of the material covered during the previous class; this will be the goal of the bell work. Bell work will be written

on the board at the start of each period, and students will know that reviewing the bell work will be the first item on the agenda for each class. This will allow me to determine whether concepts are understood before continuing with new material.

It is my job as a teacher to challenge my students and believe in them. I am aware that each student has a variety of strengths and specific needs that differ from one another. I will engage my students in a manner that will allow them to understand the material. I will provide positive reinforcement for my students who do well, and I will be there to help those students who are struggling. I will get to know my students as learners but also as individual people. By getting to know my students, I will be aware of their talents, and I will be able to provide them with many outlets to express and share their talents with their classmates.