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**My Teaching Philosophy**

Becoming a teacher was one of the easiest decisions I ever had to make! I chose this profession not only because I love children, but I also want to make a difference in many students’ lives. There is more to being a teacher than just educating students.

My teaching philosophies are constantly changing. As I keep learning and going through my own schooling, I know that I will never have set pedagogical ideologies. Teachers are learning every day what works for some students and in different classrooms. Many of these ideas and philosophies have come from my personal schooling experiences.

A teacher having energy and enthusiasm in a classroom is very important to me. Learning should be something fun and engaging that the students should be excited to participate in and want to do their best at. This ties in with the theme of experiential learning. When students are interacting with materials and exploring topics and objects themselves, the lessons become more memorable. The students will then be able to reflect and talk about these experiences more, rather than if they were sat and wrote notes in a classroom.

There are many things I want to accomplish as an educator and be as a teacher. Here are a few of my key concepts:

1. *Atmosphere.* Creating a safe environment for all students to feel comfortable and confident in is extremely valuable. Everyone should be able to answer questions and speak without worry to the class. Being able to step outside ones comfort zone for not only the students, but me as well.

2. *Diversity*. Each student is unique. Whether they are different by a number of things such as culture, skin color, religion, or learning styles they will all be in my classroom. Acknowledging different cultures in a positive way and accepting diversity is a great lesson for the students. Properly educating students, with an unbiased mind set, will eliminate stereotypes that still occur in our society.

3. *Empowerment*. Teachers need to nurture all students’ potentials. Setting reasonable, individualized goals for the students is a way to make sure they don’t get discouraged and continually trying their best. Empowering the students to strive and do their best while giving constant positivity equally to each child will outcome in better results for school assignments and activities.

4. *Teaching and Learning.* Everyone has a different learning styles and needs. Teaching using different techniques and ways to assess students is one of the most important philosophies. Including aspects of lessons that involve kinetic, visual, verbal, and more will help all students succeed.