

## **Philosophy of Education**

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I believe that all students have the right and ability to learn to their fullest potential and ultimately participate as a valued member of their community. Teachers are the guides which encourages these students to make strides towards this final goal.

The education system provides a framework for student growth. This system shall not fail the child. It should strive to enhance and promote the growth of developmentally appropriate skills by recognizing that each student is a unique individual. Instruction and services should be provided in a way that each student is a unique individual. Instruction and services should be provided in a way that caters to the needs of the student. Schools must be open to the constant changes of society and the community for which it serves. When a child enters through the doors of the school building they are more than a blank slate. They carry with them a variety of needs which must be considered and fostered by the school. In order for students to fully apply themselves to the academic agenda they must first have their physiological needs met. Schools must provide adequate services to attend to these needs as well as the psychological and social needs of the child.

The teacher plays the most important role in a student's educational career. I will cultivate and instill a positive attitude for education in my students. My classroom environment will promote active learning and social interaction. My students will learn to value the differences that exist between all members of our school and will feel comfortable sharing their ideas, thoughts and opinions without the fear of criticism. I will design and implement lessons and activities which incorporate a variety of instructional methods and approaches so that each child has the opportunity to become educated in a way that best fits their learning style. I will integrate technology into my everyday routine and use it as a tool to enhance my lessons and display new and exciting information. I will modify and differentiate my lessons to welcome and facilitate the inclusion of exceptional students. I will use an array of authentic assessment techniques to evaluate my students' knowledge, allowing them to demonstrate their abilities in several different ways that include both formal and informal approaches.

As a teacher, I will maintain professionalism and be reflective in the evaluation of myself. I will further my education by staying up-to-date on the most current research in the field. I will never lose sight of the purpose of education. The child will always stay at the center of the education system. I will get to know each one of my students and will celebrate their individuality. I will lead by example and strive to make a positive impact in the lives of my students.