

## **Teaching Philosophy**

Working as a teacher assistant in a public school, I got a feeling that I could make a difference in students' lives. This feeling was so rewarding that I knew what I wanted to do the rest of my life was to be a teacher to help children to have a better future with the help of a good education. I believe the purpose of teaching is to create productive individuals who have good morals and have good judgments and use their knowledge to help society. I know education has the power to shape an individual's life. As a Spanish teacher, I should help mold a student's life providing an appropriate learning environment being a role model, stimulating love for learning, and promoting tolerance.

Being a role model, I should encourage students to see rewards of schooling. Being a guide, facilitator, partner, I should give students meaning and direction to their lives to make them act mindfully and set goals to follow their dreams. Student self-beliefs have a great influence on student's success in school. I should be able to identify and understand the needs of students to support their growth and development developing caring relationships with them. According Piaget's theory if students have a problem, they will be motivated to solve it getting knowledge. According Maslow's theory, students will be motivated to get knowledge depending on their personal needs. I should be responsible to motivate students finding ways to make them learn the lesson dealing with their feelings taking care of their special characteristics.

I should have a teaching style that stimulates love for learning. Gardner's theory states that all seven intelligences are needed to function productively in society. The theory of multiple intelligences can help teachers to understand better the different ways students think and learn and take advantage of the skills of the children to make them learn better with the most convenient way to present the lesson. Students learn in different ways, so I need to vary my methods of instruction to incorporate visuals, movement, listening activities according to the situation motivating children to learn. Constructivism is a key concept in that it respects student differences and allows students to use their own prior knowledge and experiences to make connections and learn. Learning experiences based on real-life problems can help students deal with some of the issues they may be faced with in their real lives. Learning by doing give students the motivation to work in group taking advantage of their own skills to pay

attention, do their homework, participate, ask questions, etc. Using various modalities, I will ensure that all children achieve the basic student right of consistent, quality instruction.

Every student deserves to be treated with respect. Every student should have an opportunity to reach his/her individual potential. Today's classroom student body represents more diversity than ever. These students have their particular learning styles, interests, and abilities. Teachers have to take advantage of diversity motivating students learn from each other. The classroom atmosphere and the interactions of the students with each other and with the teacher should be based on respect and trust. Teachers and students should respect the point of view and opinions of everybody in the class. I should facilitate successful learning opportunities for all learners. I am a facilitator and I can learn from listening to students' views about what they learned and their suggestions on how the class can be better. Cooperative learning groups will expose individual attitudes, ideas, experiences, and beliefs opening communication between different group members despite race, sex, age, etc. Intentional instructional diversity will benefit all students. Serious consideration of culture and learning styles together will offer the opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally in a colorful life.

As a Spanish teacher, I must remain current on subject content and technology. Technology is inherent more engaging for students of every age than lecture. I will always try to take advantage of technology to improve the learning environment of the class to get the attention of all students. With the help of technology, I will guide students from the known to the unknown arousing their curiosity making them enjoy learning.