

## Teaching Platform

School is the one thing that everyone has in common; but their experiences while at school is what makes everyone different. As a teacher I am going to be a big factor in my students' lives and how they view their experience in the classroom. Not every student is going to enjoy coming to school everyday for a variety of reasons but I hope to try and create an environment that is inclusive, safe, and enjoyable to everyone. The *purpose of school* to me is to educate young minds that will become a part of society in the future. This means allowing the kids to socialize with other classmates to help broaden communication skills. I will encourage students to start thinking critically about the world and excite students to want to learn something new. I also think school should provide students with research skills that they can take into the future.

I think that the *image of the learner* is that all learners are smart and everyone learns at their own pace. Some students might learn faster than others and that is okay students don't have to get something at the same time. I think that as teachers we have to remember that all learners are eager to learn they may just be having an off day just like us sometimes. I believe that all learners are capable of learning anything that they put the time and effort into learning. I believe that the *nature and substance of student work* should be fun and engaging but promotes learning. I believe that student work should allow all the students to think outside of the box and not conform to one standard. I think that student work should allow them to express their individuality while figuring out how to work with partners and on group assignments to promote team building that will be beneficial in the future.

A teacher is a big factor in what the student will be able to learn and that has a lot to do with the curriculum and the pedagogy in a classroom. I believe *the image of the curriculum*

should be flexible. It is important that students understand the lesson being taught rather than sticking to a schedule and moving on with confused students. I believe that the curriculum should be reasonable and attainable with realistic goals set in place for the learners. I believe that the curriculum should be inclusive to all students while being fun and engaging. It is important that the learners are being exposed to all different types of material written by multiple perspectives. I think that *the preferred pedagogy* is a classroom should be a place to think individually and then collaborate with a group. I believe that there should be a reward system in place to keep students motivated. I believe that traditional style teaching and discipline centered teaching are not the best methods for teaching. Students have off days and being punished for that is not beneficial. I believe that students should be given time to self-reflect on their work which promotes growth with their learning. I think students should be given the opportunity to redo assignments that they did poorly on so they can think about how to improve.

The environment that the students are in should be one that they are excited to go to everyday and not dreading. The *preferred school climate* is where students are excited to be their and consider classmates' family. I believe that school climate should be sage in all aspects at all times. Schools should promote a climate that is respectful and inclusive. I believe that a classroom should involve understanding one another's perspectives which means that the student listens to the teacher, but the teacher also listens to the students. Learning plays into so many factors for students. They learn material, social skills, communication skills, and they learn about themselves. The *social significance of the students* learning provides students to be able to make decisions. I believe that learning helps bring people together by understanding different backgrounds. Learning can promote students to want to get involved in the community and to

help make a difference. I believe that learning helps students become more educated about the world around them.

Children are the future and it is important to create an environment for them that promotes education so that they can be fully educated as adults. It is important that students question everything in the world and they research to make their own opinion on topics in the world. While it is important to teach the students I think the most important attitude a teacher can have is to recognize how much teachers can learn from the students. I want my classroom to be a place that students look back on with amazing memories. I believe that right now teachers have the ability to make a huge impact for future generations and I hope to be a part of that change.