



## *Philosophy of Teaching*

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To be a member of the teaching profession is a privilege, an honor, and a responsibility. It is my goal to teach with this thought in mind every day. I believe that in order to have a successful classroom, an atmosphere must be created that is both warm and conducive to learning. This type of classroom climate is created when students feel they are an important part of the learning experience. Students should be encouraged to take their learning into their own hands, and it is my role as their teacher to provide the type of environment that students feel comfortable in.

One way students can take learning into their own hands is through the use of technology. I believe that technology can be an incredibly valuable asset to the classroom and can technology can be a tool to foster a love of learning and exploration in students. In this ever-changing world, I believe in opening the walls of my classroom so that students can have a global experience in relation to their education. I believe that I am doing a disservice to my students if I do not allow them to use the vast array of resources that technology provides them. By using the National Education of Technology standards hand-in-hand with the core curriculum standards, I am able to create meaningful learning experiences for my students.

Differentiation is a valuable tool for creating meaningful learning for each student. Every student comes to my classroom with different experiences. They each have unique likes and dislikes, cultural beliefs, and family situations. I strive to create learning experiences that are as unique as the children that come into my classroom need them to be. Students learn in different ways and have different needs, and it is my aim to teach each student using language and situations that they can relate to.

My philosophy of education includes learning for myself, as well. I learn from my students daily. Through technology, class discussion, and more, my students teach me that I am not all knowing and that it is okay to be wrong! I also very strongly believe in furthering my education through graduate courses and professional development.

Creating a safe and meaningful environment through which all students can be successful is my goal every day as a teacher. Everyday is a collaboration between my students and myself, to create an environment in our classroom of cooperation, trust, and learning.