

Professional Statements

1. What are your three (3) most important reasons for wanting to be a teacher?

Teaching is a rewarding career that will allow me to stay an active and integral part of the community. Teaching will also provide me with the opportunity to become a positive role model. Ultimately, by being a teacher I hope to gain insight that will encourage me to be a life long learner.

2. How much do you want to know about your students in order to be helpful to them?

I would want to know enough about my students so that every child feels important and valued in the classroom. I also feel it is important to learn about their individual interests, in order to make personal connections in the curriculum.

3. What three (3) things do you most want to know about your students?

The most important thing to know about my students is their individual learning styles. I would also like to know about their interests in order to connect the curriculum to their personal experiences. I can accomplish this by having a good understanding of my student's developmental needs.

4. What do you need to know in order to begin your lesson planning for a class?

I would need to know the objectives of the lesson I am teaching and which standards I am aiming to meet. Then I would want to know the student's prior knowledge and how to engage them in the lesson. I myself would then need to have a strong understanding of the material.

5. What four (4) key components do you believe you must include in your plan?

An effective lesson includes clear objectives and stated standards, as well as an engaging anticipatory set. I also feel it is important to have a closure involving the students which connects to the objectives. All lessons should have assessment integrated throughout not just at the end.

6. When you think about your students, in what major ways do you most want to influence their lives?

I want to influence my student's lives by encouraging them to take charge of their education. By showing my support and dedication I want my students to meet their potential, follow through with their passions, and become productive and meaningful members of their community and society as a whole.

7. List and describe two (2) core teaching strategies you most utilized in your classroom.

I integrated technology into my classroom to better accommodate to multiple learning styles. I also allowed for differentiation of my instruction through student centered learning and use of literature circles.