

## **My Teaching Philosophy**

Each day starts out the same for students, they wake up, get dressed, and go to school. Some students dread school and others love it. There are many factors that go into a student's perception of school. A teacher may be the biggest component to a student's perception of school. I want to be a teacher that inspires students to love school and the process of learning. My philosophy as a teacher is to promote inclusion, build relationships, and incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills into my classroom.

As an educator, I believe that all students can learn and deserve an opportunity to learn. Students deserve to learn in an environment that promotes the inclusion of all learners regardless of their abilities or needs. I believe that students with special needs can benefit from every interaction they have with general education students, and general education students can also learn from students with special needs. I will strive to meet the needs of my students by tailoring their instruction. All of my students will be treated fairly and receive the tools they need in order to be successful.

I believe being an approachable teacher is an essential skill to building relationships with both students and parents. I want my students to feel welcome into the classroom and feel as if it is their classroom too. I will strive to build relationships where students feel safe enough to ask questions and think deeper about the content. In order to do this, I need to know my students' strengths, weaknesses, and interests. I believe that once I have created a positive relationship with my students, the learning can be taken to the next level. The students will trust me and know the expectations I have for them. I will hold my students to a high standard, and I expect them to do the same for me. However, I want students to know that failure is a stepping stone to success and that success is a learning process.

Lastly, I want my students to know and understand why the content I am teaching to them is important. I will strive to promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills in my classroom. I want my students to be able to make connections between the content and their future. Students will be collaborating with each other, thinking critically and creatively about the content, and communicating their ideas appropriately. This is critical for the next step in their life as they enter into the workforce or to continue their education. I will strive for my students leave the classroom feeling more prepared and equipped for their future.

I believe in promoting inclusion, building relationships, and modeling 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. They are essential in creating a classroom that students want to come into every day. They will inspire learning and growth in each student as an individual. My hopes are my students will walk out of school eager to return for the learning process the next day.