Philosophy of Education

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Education is not looked at the same by everyone. Some believe that schooling and education are the most important things in life in other to successful. Others believe it is just something to pass time. To some learning becomes very easy and natural, where others will struggle their whole lives. Personally from my own views, I believe that education is something very important to society and the world as a whole. Teaching about having a good education should start when the child is very young. Children are the future, and if they don’t believe that education is important, there will be a lot of problems.

Personally I feel that all students are special and unique in their own way. Each student should have their own way of learning and being taught. Trying to carter to every students different needs can be very difficult, but I feel that the teacher and student should work together and try and make a plan that would work for everyone.

Education is not only important for the general population, but also those with special needs. Personally I feel that making sure families and educators of special needs students understands how important education is. From growing up in a household with an autistic brother, and working at high school with students with autism, I feel that there are many key concepts that were left out in his education.

Education is something that is very important. Education is the building blocks to everything that will happen in life. Creating a good education for students when they are young will help them be successful and live up to their full potential. When students don’t have a good education or enjoy learning they will learn how to slip though their years of school. Many teachers don’t go out of their way for the students that need the most help. Most of the time the students that are having a hard time will keep it quiet and just hope they will pass. It is not only the student’s responsibility to learn but also the teachers to make sure that all the students understand. By having a good education, it will help students continue to grow and learn as people.

From my prior knowledge of being around students with special needs, it has help mold my main philosophy. My main philosophy in education would be communication. Communication is something that is very important in education. Many people lack good communication. Having students learn the importance of communication will help them be successful in the long run. Being a special education major, specializing in Cognitively Impaired (CI) & Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), I feel that most of these students don’t have good or any communication. With these students lacking communication, it will cause them a lot of frustration, when no one knows what they are trying to ask for.

In my classroom I would try and forces most on communication. Communication doesn’t mean just speaking. This would include, forcing on writing, or sign language. Not all special education students will learn how to speak. I feel that too many teachers, parents, families, ect, put too much effort into speaking. If a student would be able to lean a different form of communication, they would be able to communicate with other students.

As a teacher I would try and take my students out into the community to have them interact with others. I would try and take the students to the movies, the park, out to eat, and different places around the town. This wouldn’t only be important for my students but it would be important for others to learn how to communicate with special needs students. Many people don’t know how to act or behave when they see someone different and as a future teacher I would like to show that these students are not that different and that they just want to be treated as normal as possible.

Becoming a teacher for students with special needs, I will have to make sure that I evaluate students in a different way. Most of these students cannot sit down and take a written test. A way of assessing them, I would have to sit down with them one-on-one and see if they are living up to their IEP (Individualized education program) goals. Each student will have their own set of goals that I as the teacher will set for them with their parents each year. My student will all have a different type of curriculum that I will be making for them. Some students would be working on more fine motor skills where others may be working on communication. Not only will I have to try and work with every student on their own curriculum, and working on their IEP goals, I will have to make sure that I manage by time with each student. I would try and spilt up my day evenly so I would be able to work one-on-one with each student. I would also try and bring the students into groups together so they can learn how to work together and with others.

I would bring global awareness into my classroom by trying to teach the students about little things that may be going on around our community and the world. I wouldn’t be able to go into any great detail, but I would still be able to help them become aware. For example on thing I would do to bring diversity into the classroom would be around the holiday season, bring in decorations from all the different holidays that are celebrated. For some of my students that are high functioning I would have them read small articles about different holidays; Christmas, black history month, 4th of July, etc.

By working with students with special needs my community of learners will be very different. Some of my students would be working on tracing, where some maybe working on math or spelling. Each student is very different and they all have their own needs that would need to be accommodated to. My students will not only have learning accommodations that I would have to work with but some may have religious, or medical accommodations that I would need to make sure I work with.

My mission, vision, and value of becoming a special education teacher is that my students will leave my classroom with life skills that they will be able to use for the rest of their lives.