

Teaching Philosophy Statement
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Dear future students,

Throughout my future in teaching, I hope to come across many different types and kinds of students. Differences in their religion, genders, race, and ability is what will make teaching them fun. The different experiences that I have gone through as a white female, hockey player, and a military child, may provide a new view on ideas, situations and life experiences. I want my students to grow in any environment because of their strengths and experiences in my class, even though we will all be different.

1. I will offer different types of connections that you may need, and be available at all times for you. Whether you decide to use these connections or not, they are available. These connections are a safe space for you, but also know I am human and have limits. These limits are not on you though, take as much as you need and I will be honest about my limits with you. There are some things that other adults will be better at than me, the same way you are better at some things than others.
2. Your accommodations will be met, no matter what they are. Hard or easy I will accommodate you, because you are important. If it doesn't work yet, we can work more together to get it to work. You will be accommodated.
3. I am aware math isn't everyone's favorite subject, but I will endeavor to make it fun. Math is the building blocks to many things, so it is easy to stay behind once you fall behind. But we will light the spark within you, and catch you up.
4. Your ELL needs will be given the biggest attempt I have, and if your needs are not being properly addressed, please let me know. I will ask for help if needed. I will lead by example in the art of asking for help.
5. All voices will be heard within my classroom, whether big or small. Your cultures are important in your characters, so let's tell them loud and proud. Allow me to hear about your cultures and traditions. They are what make you, you.
6. I myself, as a hockey player, understand that extracurriculars are important to students. Communicate with me what you need and when, so that you will not need to stress about school while having fun doing what you love. Also so I can cheer you on! I want to be one of your biggest cheerleaders and allow your passions to grow.

7. I understand that at times life gets hard. No matter what the situation is, the emotional response, sadness, pain, anger is a heavy one to bear while in school. Please know that no matter your situation, I am here to help you. We can begin to patch the holes together, if you allow it. The hurt might still be there, but you can lean on me while you heal. Communicate with me and anything you need, to an extent, will be met. We can go through it together, and not just pretend everything is ok, but open the wound to heal if needed.

Future students, I will try my absolute best to be the best math teacher you need. Your needs will be met, even if I need help doing so. Your growth and development as people is just as important as your development in school, so please allow me to nurture you and allow the flames of passion to ignite.