

## Purpose of Education

Education is also important because what a student learns in class will influence their future. If a student has a positive learning experience throughout their twelve years of schooling, then they will likely move on to college and get an associate's or bachelor's degree.

That is why the role of the teacher is to educate the students to the best of their ability since this could affect a student's future.

## Role of the students in the education process

The students have just as many responsibilities as the teachers to ensure that the student learns from the school. It is important that the student becomes involved in class discussions and activities, studies aggressively for tests or quizzes, and completes homework. The teacher can only teach a student so much. Education also requires the student is willing to learn, and when that student is willing then the teacher will be able to educate that student.

## Role of the teacher in education

A teacher needs to create an environment that children can learn in. While I am teaching, I will use different items to enhance the lesson and make it more understandable. For instance, if I am teaching the students about mixing colors, I would actually mix different colors in glasses together to demonstrate the lesson.

Another role of the teacher is to make sure that every student understands what I am teaching. If students do not understand what is being taught, then I will give them different materials that could help them better grasp the concepts.

Being a teacher also means that I am willing to use different types of teaching techniques, such as overheads, chalk board, dry erase boards, computers, etc. Out of all these techniques, I think it is important that the teacher is willing to educate with the computers. Since children are more technologically knowledgeable than ever before, the teacher shouldn't discourage the use of learning from a variety of technology, such as computers. Using the computer to learn will teach children in a different way, instead of always just standing in front of the classroom. It will improve their critical thinking and their problem solving skills. The computer programs acts like a teacher educating students to solve problems, and since they are on their own they have to think for themselves.

Next, the role of a teacher is to encourage students to work individually. A student will learn how to do their own work from forming his/her own conclusions and will be satisfied with their work. The student should also be taught to work with others in groups where they will learn how to work together to achieve the goal that is necessary.

It is also important that as a teacher, I learn to communicate with my students. When I can communicate effectively with my students, it will help them to grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Communication is both verbal and non-verbal. By communicating non-verbally more than verbally the children's behavior will improve. They might respect me more as their teacher. For instance, turning off the lights or putting my finger to my lips will signal the children to be quiet, instead of raising my voice and causing more chaos.

Finally, I believe the most important role of a teacher is to provide a secure and fun environment. If students feel scared when they come to class, then they might be more reluctant to learn and open up. When the teacher provides the student with a secure environment, then they will be more willing to speak up in class and have the full potential to learn. I also believe that it is very important that a teacher makes learning fun. If students see learning as work, a task, or a chore, then they wouldn't want to do it. If the students see learning as fun, then they will be more willing to learn.

#### Role of the teacher in the community

As a teacher you not only need to be involved in the classroom but also the community. Knowing what is going on in your community is important. Since the community influences the school a lot, it is important that the teacher knows what new things the community is planning. A teacher should be an active part of the community and speak up for what needs to be changed, as what needs to be changed could affect the teacher's job or home life.

#### Why you want to be a teacher?

Being a teacher means many different things to do me. I want to be a teacher because I love to help others. As a teacher I will be helping my students, peers, and community by using my knowledge to educate them on information that will be useful to their everyday life. It is also important that as a teacher you are willing to help the student with any problems they may be having, I would be enthusiastic to help a student who is struggling so that it doesn't affect their

learning. Another reason why I want to be a teacher is because I love children. I am very interested in how children learn, how they interact with their world, how they develop, etc. and my interests have formed my love for children. Lastly, I want to be a teacher because I am an active learner. I know as a teacher I will always be learning new things, and I love to learn, so I am willing to take more classes just to educate myself and become a better teacher.

How your philosophy best aligns with historical and contemporary philosophies?

My philosophy of education is much like those of the past philosophers of education because I share the same beliefs as they do when it comes to education. Though education has changed a lot over the years, there is still the belief that the students always come first and that is what I believe in strongly. With much research and studying of children, researchers have come up with new ways that education should be taught. I believe that education should be more of a hands on experience and that children learn best when they are exploring, touching, and experimenting with what they are learning. This belief came from contemporary philosophies that I learned in my college courses. I also believe that music and arts shouldn't be cut from school funding, because children do learn socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually from these classes. Researchers have proven that art and music class is just as important as a math or a science class and it shouldn't be cut from the curriculum. Even though times continue to change and historical philosophies are revised into contemporary philosophies, what they believe in is what I base my philosophy of education off of.