

Personal Educational Philosophy
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In reflecting upon my educational philosophy, I realized that in the six years I have taught at Saint Anastasia Catholic School, my philosophy has not changed, but has deepened and become richer in my profession. My educational philosophy is deeply connected to my purpose and intention to teach each and every student entrusted in my classroom. I strive daily to teach the mind, body, and soul of all precious children of God. An educational philosophy is, "a personal statement of a teacher's guiding principles about "big picture" education-related issues, such as how student learning and potential are most effectively maximized, as well as the role of educators in the classroom, school, community, and society." "Each teacher comes to the classroom with a unique set of principles and ideals that affects student performance. A statement of educational philosophy sums up these tenets for self-reflection, professional growth, and sometimes sharing with the larger school community." (K6Educators.com, January 9, 2015).

I see the grander purpose of education in my community, within society, and within the church to create problem-solvers for society and our world. Educators are ultimately shaping the future of our world. There is so much more to educating the core subjects. I feel that Saint Anastasia Catholic School allows me to live out that belief by incorporating the Catechism of the Catholic Church into everything we do and say. If there is one thing I hope to leave with my students, it would be the spiritual knowledge that faith is the rock of our lives. Even the most gifted geniuses of our world needed God and needed His grace to create and do anything. Ultimately, everything is done for the Lord and allowed to come in existence because of His love.

The role of the teacher in and out of the classroom is to provide a truthful representation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teachers should be guides to learners and leaders who light up the paths of knowledge for their students. In order to do this, teachers need to be discerning and encouraging, always seeking the good inside of their students. All you need to find is one good quality or gift inside of each student and teach them from there. This belief is what drives me to have individual relationships and methods of instruction with each of my students. Every single person was created differently, so why should I expect all children to learn and perform in the same way? The uniqueness of the students is what spurs my curiosity and makes each day inside of the classroom a brand new lesson for them and for me.

The goals I have for my students include building confidence, developing conscience, rooting them in reverent prayer, and absorbing as much knowledge as possible. Finally, my ultimate goal is to inspire and show my students that knowledge is only good if used for God's purposes on this Earth. My goal as a teacher is to spark insight inside each of my students to know that when God's will for their life meets their hard work and learning, miraculous things happen. God desired for us to be filled with peace and that peace radiates from my students when they use their gifts and energies to make their neighbors' and the Earth a better place.