

Statement of Teaching Philosophy

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As a teacher, I have the responsibility and opportunity to teach students skills and lessons that will help them become successful and productive citizens. My hope has always been to show the students that I care about them as individuals, before I start teaching them material. I believe that students will learn far more from someone who cares about them than they will from someone that does not.

It is my responsibility to provide students with the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to accomplish anything that life may give them. I want them to expand their personal horizons and have the ability to be successful in their chosen careers and ultimately their lives. One of the most important parts of my teaching philosophy is my belief that students need to be educated, but mentored so that they will appreciate the opportunities that exist during their school years. These experiences can have a profound effect on opportunities in their future. Attitudes, skills, and insights developed and acquired at this time are the template for the rest of their years in a demanding and rewarding profession.

Teaching students how to learn is just as important to me as them knowing the information presented. Students need to be able to problem solve, work collaboratively and critically think about all possible outcomes of each decision that they make. This will help them not only in the workforce, but also in all aspects of life. I believe that students will learn best by having as many hands-on experiences that are as real life as possible. This helps students know how to handle difficult situations as they arise in the workplace. I want students to be able to think critically on their own and be able to work through problems. I also would like them to be able to work together as a team. These are very important skills that are needed to be successful in any work environment.

I expect students to have an active role in their education. They will need to work things out and be able to not only plan and design their own projects but also to

draw blueprints and be able to explain the project to others in a fashion that will allow them to build the same project.

I hold my students to high standards and push them to be the best person and welder that they can be. I want them to know without a shadow of a doubt that I believe in them. They can do anything they set their mind to, if they put in the work and effort it takes to achieve it. I will provide as many opportunities for them to learn from outside sources as possible, to broaden and strengthen their learning. I will work hard to make sure my students know how valuable they are and that they are cared about. I will also push them to find their full potential, so they can be the best they can be.