

Interviewing for Teaching Positions

Candidates for teaching positions will often be asked questions regarding relationships they have established with others. Use the following list to formulate concise answers to the questions you will most likely be asked during an interview for a teaching position.

Teacher Relationships With Students

1. What kind of students do you like to work with?
2. What type of students could you teach most effectively?
3. You give an assignment. A student ridicules the assignment, saying it doesn't make sense. What would you do?
4. How do you help students experience success?
5. How would you individualize instruction for students?
6. What procedures do you use to evaluate student progress besides using tests?
7. How would you challenge the slow learner and the advanced learner within the same class?

Teacher Relationships With Colleagues

1. What kind of teacher or teachers would you prefer to work with? Why?
2. What activities would you like to work with in our school?
3. What quality or qualities do you have that would enhance our teaching staff?
4. What are some personality characteristics you find undesirable in people?
5. Who should be responsible for discipline in a school? Why?
6. What needs and/or expectations do you have of the school administration?

Teacher Relationships With Parents

1. What do you feel is the most effective way to communicate with parents? Describe how you have used this/these techniques.
2. Describe the reasons why you would contact parents.
3. What would you include in your Open House presentations to parents?
4. What community activities would you like to be associated with? Why?



Instructional Techniques

1. Describe any school experience you have had, particularly in student teaching (or in another teaching position) that has prepared you for a full-time position at our school.
2. How would you integrate technology into the curriculum you would teach?
3. Describe any innovative projects you have been involved in developing.
4. Give an example of how you have used cooperative learning in your classroom.
5. What four words would students use to describe your teaching strategies?
6. What rules do you have for your classroom?
7. Describe your teaching style and how you accommodate the different learning styles of the students in your classes.
8. What do you consider to be your strengths and how will you use them in your teaching?

A potpourri of Topics and Background Information

1. Why did you choose to become a teacher?
2. What are your hobbies and interests?
3. What are your plans for continuing your professional growth?
4. Tell me about an interesting article you have read recently in a professional journal.
5. What contributions can you make to our school?
6. What current trends in public education please you? Displease you?
7. Tell me about three people who have most influenced your own education and educational career.