My Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy revolves around the following:

**T:** Technology is an essential method I use with my students. Blogs, wikis, emails, power point presentations, smart boards, and more. I think teachers should cope with their students’ needs and preferences especially when our world is becoming more and more digitalized.

**E:** Engaging students in the learning process and making the class student centered will make students better learners. Teachers should always engage their students because they are the main goal. Engaging them will help their interest grow which will lead them to develop their skills and be better learners.

**A:** An Autonomous environment should be provided for students. We should teach our students how to fish and not give them fish on a hot plate! The best thing you can ever do to your students is teach them how to learn and search for information. A teacher should arm her students with learning tools before asking them to complete an assignment.

**C:** Challenging students by presenting challenging material will help students improve and make use of their hidden abilities. Students should be encouraged to challenge their selves by trying their best. Both teachers and students will be surprised of the results and proud. There is nothing better than the feeling of success after a challenging situation.

**H:** Helping students whenever needed is an important role of the teacher. A teacher should never make her students shy or embarrassed to ask for help. Guidance and appreciation will ease students’ concerns and confusions and help them produce more quality work.

**I:** Individual differences is a fact every teacher should acknowledge. Ignoring the gifted is as worse as ignoring the weak. A teacher should prepare extra activities for all the levels in her class. A teacher should consider these differences in the assessment of these students and focus on how well their progress has been. A good teacher is the one who can make weak students better and smart students even smarter.
**N:** Negotiating issues with students and paying attention to their needs will help students be comfortable and give their best in a non stressed environment. For example, setting up a date for an exam in a time where students are stressed out with assignments will only lead to more anxiety which will lead to bad scores. A teacher should be a democrat in everything and should not stick to the syllabus if it conflicts with the students’ needs.

**G:** Gaming and learning through fun is a wonderful method that suits all ages and levels. Providing a relaxed environment will help students learn more. Games can be applied in almost every lesson whether it was a warm up, in the middle of the lesson or as closure or assessment. Teachers should put in mind that when students are enjoying what they do they can learn easily. The burden some teachers put on their students usually ends up in the disconnection of students’ interest and pleasure which affects their learning.

Finally, Using technology, engaging students in an autonomous environment with challenging tasks, helping them when needed, appreciating them and acknowledging their individual differences, negotiating issues and gaming is what I think teaching is all about. This is my teaching philosophy for now and I might change it according to my students’ needs. So until then, I will follow what I have mentioned and good luck to us all.

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