

# Educational Philosophy

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My teaching philosophy is that every individual has the right to education. Education is the essential driver for change, advancement, and equality in a society. This is the grander purpose of education. I believe teachers have major roles in that change and advancement by educating individuals. As an ESOL teacher my primary goal is to assist my students figure out who they really are, accept themselves, embrace the differences of others and be a part of that change.

Every class is a small community itself. In that small community all and each of the students are unique and have special needs, as well as talents. As individuals each student can contribute to their own education. As a teacher my role is to guide them in their own learning journey and help them develop their own potential by learning how to use the language in the first place. I aim to bring a positive attitude and peaceful learning atmosphere to the classroom where my students can use their skills in problem solving, critical thinking and creativity. Through collaborative and communicative tasks, games, and activities they will bring out their potential in language learning. I use strategies to ensure my classroom community will flourish and thrive. I present a curriculum, design materials, and innovative lesson plans that will incorporate each different learning style and make the learning content relevant to the students' lives and needs. I am enthusiastic in creating fun and effective learning environment which incorporate hands-on learning activities, projects, cooperative learning, themes, contents, and individual work that engages students in the learning process. I am also quite enthusiastic about playing a role in more social, international, and environmental areas and strive to create awareness to these matters in my students, in myself, and in my colleagues.

I believe learning itself and learning a language is a lifelong journey for both students and for the teachers. In that journey every day I learn new things. It is a mutual learning experience where teachers also learn from the students. From my students, from the community, from the recent developments in educational philosophies, I learn new strategies, new techniques, and new models. Over time, my understanding in education develops as well as my strategies and the techniques which I use in the classroom. In order to be more productive in the classroom and helpful for my students, I will never cease learning. I will always develop my understanding of learning and teaching where students take the responsibility of their own learning. I want my students to remember me as a devoted and enthusiastic teacher who creates fun and effective learning atmosphere that they can be excited to come and learn. I feel thankful to every student, teacher, and colleague for touching my life with their stories and helping me develop my teaching philosophy.