

# Teaching Statement Philosophy

Teaching can be challenging as well as rewarding for both the student and the teacher. A person's development is easily influenced throughout their adolescent years, and a teacher is just as important to a student as a parent is in the proper growth of someone as they enter adulthood. That is why I plan on demonstrating excellence in everything I will accomplish toward my students, as well as exceeding expectations. Even though my teaching style can be authoritarian, I believe that effective two-way communication is essential to student success. To consistently enhance proper learning, students must know what is expected of them and they must feel free to provide feedback while accomplishing what I ask of them.

What I expect from my students can be summed up in one word: Discipline – Know your responsibilities, do what is expected of you and continually strive to expand your knowledge. Be competent in your learning and let your performance do your talking. I also feel strongly about accountability and responsibility of the students as well. When assignments are given, they will be completed at or prior to the deadline, with exceptions made on case-by-case basis. Excuses for noncompliance will not be tolerated since the material is important toward meeting school district standards, as well as academic expectance from the student.

Since History is the main topic that will be taught to my students, not only do I expect them to fully understand the material covered in the class, but its importance as well. Everyone who takes a history class does so to understand the sacrifices that were made in shaping America to where it is today. Also to understand the “Monstrous Injustices” that occurred such as slavery, which should never be repeated. With that being said, I expect everyone to conduct him or herself in a professional manner. There will be topics discussed that talks about the racial differences in early America, as well as racial terms that were used. The use of any racially discriminatory word, remark, or gesture will NEVER be tolerated in the classroom. The only time racial words can be used is when writing an essay and quoting it directly from a book, with a reference page attached citing where it came from.

Those are my teaching styles, and that is what I expect from the students. The rules are simple; show up on time, do what is expected of you, and always strive to be the best. I will always be there to guide you along the way, and “giving up” is never an option. I also feel that students should cherish this time in their lives and make the most of it. Once these years are gone they can never be repeated, so most importantly have fun in and out the classroom. While in the classroom I will strive to ensure the topics are not boring, so I will try to make them a fun as possible. My ultimate job is to ensure that upon graduation students are fully prepared to enter a world with greater knowledge and responsibilities. Taking with them the valuable lessons that they will have learned from me as well as the other teachers in this school, as they strive to become successful men and women.