

Sample Interview Questions for Teachers

Getting to Know You as a Teacher:

- Tell me a little bit about yourself.
- Describe your teaching style
- What did you find to be the most difficult aspect of your student teaching?
- What would your teacher preparation program faculty or cooperating teacher say about you?
- How would your students describe you?
- Do you enjoy teaching children? If so, how would I know if I observed your class?
- Define a superior teacher?
- If you are selected for this position, what can we do to help you be successful?

Assessment and Evaluation:

- What ways do you assess and evaluate students?
- Tell about a grading system you used for a nine week period.
- How have you used student data to inform planning or assessment?
- If most of the students in your class failed an assignment, test, or project, how would you respond?

Teaching/Classroom/Learning

Environment:

- How would you prepare your classroom for the first day?
- What is your classroom management plan?
- What routines and procedures did you use to keep the class organized?
- Describe a classroom management plan that you have used in the past. What were the rules and what consequences worked? Were there positive rewards?

Teaching Skills:

How do you differentiate your teaching? Please provide an example.

Describe a sample lesson plan that guides your teaching.

How have you planned a semester to determine the amount of content you will cover?

Which teaching methods have you found to work well when teaching ___ to students this age?

State and explain a behavioral objective you taught in your last class.

If you could choose to teach any concept in your area, which would you select? Why?



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Teaching Dispositions:

- Are you a flexible teacher? If so, explain how.
- Have you had to advocate for a student? If so, how and to what effect?

Teaching theories and philosophies:

- Describe your teaching/discipline philosophy.
- What do you see as the current trends in education today?
- What are some of the trends, issues and methodologies in education that relate to your specific curriculum area of grade level?
- How will you prepare students for standardized assessments?
- What is the role of homework?
- What is the broad purpose of schools in your opinion?

Student Centered Focus:

- How would you create a student-centered or democratic environment?
- How have you worked to be an advocate for students who were at risk in your school?
- How would you utilize students' "voice" in your teaching?
- What will you do to modify your teaching to meet the needs of a gifted student?
- What do you do to accommodate a student with an IEP?
- If you noticed a child being bullied in your class, how would you deal with the situation?
- How would you engage a reluctant student?



Building community for learning:

- How would you motivate a parents to become involved in the classroom and in their child's education?



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