

Statement of Philosophy

My educational philosophy is a student-centered philosophy. What ever is needed to help the students experience growth and learning will be done. Below are four key methods I believe will help improve instruction and increasing student achievement

- **Relationship:** I am a firm believer in getting to know each student personally. We need to know the student's background, strengths, and areas that need improvement. We as educators need to show each student we care about them as a person and that they are not just another number. I believe that only when we have accomplished that can we get most students to perform at their best.
- **Content knowledge:** One method of improving instruction and student achievement is having educators who are highly qualified. I believe that knowledgeable teachers have the ability to breed knowledgeable students. We want our students to be life long learners, so we must model that as educators by continuing to grow in our own content knowledge.
- **Goals:** I believe that when students know what the specific goal is they are more able to focus their attention on meeting that goal. I also believe that stated goals help the teacher plan and prepare proper lessons to help students reach their educational goals.
- **Keep students engaged:** In order for students to experience achievement, I believe that they must be engaged in the lesson. We must make the subject relevant and important to the students. If we can do that, then the students will be motivated to give their best effort. I also believe that as an educator we must be enthusiastic about what we are teaching. If we do not enjoy teaching it, then I do not believe the students will enjoy learning it.

Coaching:

My coaching philosophy is the same as my educational philosophy. I believe that coaching is another avenue that provides educators the opportunity to assist each student in their growth and learning. My mission as a high school football coach is to help young athletes reach their full potential as student athletes, and in becoming a positive impact on society, while using the game of football to teach them about life.

The role of a high school football coach is to be a positive role model in the lives of young athletes during this very important developmental phase of their lives. A high school football coach should use the game of football as a platform to help athletes become a person of high character, good work ethic, and be self disciplined amongst other important character traits and life lessons.