

Ethical Standards

Standard 3.2: Ethical Conduct Towards Students

The educator shall not knowingly treat a student in a manner that adversely affects the student's learning, physical health, mental health, or safety.

I will treat all of my students with respect and fairness. All of my students will be welcomed unconditionally. I believe that every day they should get a clean slate. Cleanliness, decoration, safety, and manner all contribute to my classroom environment. This also includes giving each student the same opportunities and the same information. A teacher is a role model for their students and, by holding myself to a high ethical standard, I hold them to a high standard as well.

When addressing classroom management, I believe you cannot disregard disrespectful actions made by a student. These must be addressed without taking away from the student's learning environment. Students will be expected to follow the rules as well as model ethical behavior. This means being an active listener, respecting their peers and practicing compassion. Every day I write a motivational quote to set the tone for each class period. I am also genuinely interested in the lives of my students and often attend their extracurricular activities. I believe this promotes a safe and nurturing environment. It is not only my job but my belief that all students can learn and I also promote a safe environment by challenging them.

I will also be professional and respectful when interacting with my co-workers and parents. While this is not a direct interaction with a student, my behavior affects how they learn. I believe that parents can be great allies, especially since they know their child the best. I also feel that co-workers help support a nurturing classroom and therefore a nurturing, safe environment if we all work together for that common goal.