



COMMON EDUCATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Introductory Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Why did you want to become an educator?
3. What is your greatest strength and weakness as an educator?
4. If you could teach any grade and subject, what would it be and why?
5. What makes you a good fit for this job and our school district?

College and Student Teaching Questions

1. What was the most useful college course you took and why?
2. Describe your student teaching experience.
3. What is the most important thing you learned from your cooperating teacher?
4. What was the most important thing you learned from your overall student teaching experience?

Instructional and Classroom Management Questions

1. Tell me what you do with students during the first few weeks of the school year to establish a positive classroom environment.
2. Of academic rigor, relevance, and relationships, what is the most important to you and why?
3. How do you engage students in their learning?
4. How do you integrate technology into your lessons?
5. How do you connect “real world” experience to your lessons?
6. What does a well-disciplined classroom look and sound like?
7. Tell me about a time when you had to deal with a challenging behavior student and how you handled the situation.
8. What information does your daily lesson planning include (e.g., Bell Ringer, Learning Goals and Scale, Assignments, Model/Guided Practice)

Instructional and Classroom Management Questions Continued

9. Tell me about a lesson that did not meet your expectations despite planning and preparation.
10. Tell me what you do when a large number of students perform poorly on a formal assessment.
11. Give an example of how you differentiated instruction in a lesson.
12. How do you accommodate a gifted student in your class?
13. How do you manage students with different reading abilities?
14. Explain how you meet IEP needs.
15. Describe your process for completing a school-wide assessment.
16. What experience have you had with working in a Title 1 school/site?

Colleague and Parental Relationship Questions

1. Describe a time when you had to give a colleague instructional feedback.
2. How would your colleagues describe you?
3. How would your students describe you?
4. How would your students' parents describe you?
5. Tell me a story of how you decided that the field of education was a good fit.
6. Tell me about a time you had to deal with a difficult parent.

Final Questions

1. Would you be able to coach or sponsor a club?
2. Is there anything we have not talked about that you would like to share with us?
3. What questions do you have for us?

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