

Ethics Statement

The role of an educator in a student's life is an important one. Teachers act as instructors, role models, confidants, and protectors. It is imperative that teachers behave with professionalism and compassion. After all, parents have entrusted the schools with their children and instructors have a responsibility to educate, encourage, and protect students. Providing a classroom that allows students to feel confident and safe is a must. The TEA's Educators' Code of Ethics states:

Ch. 247 - 3 (E) Standard 3.5. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.
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Children today face many obstacles in their development. The classroom should not be one of them. As a teacher, I will not tolerate disrespect or unkindness towards anyone. There are many incidences of bullying that have recently made the news. Anti-bullying programs are now available and in addition to my student's education in the sciences, they will also be taught tolerance, kindness, and respect for others. It is not enough to simply teach the curriculum, which, of course, will be priority, but I feel it is irresponsible to not provide instruction that will improve a student's societal interactions. My desire is to have my students not only demonstrate understanding, competence, and mastery of subject matter, but also to grow as confident and productive citizens that will want to change the world.

During the first days of the new school year, my student's will develop a set of class rules and consequences for bullying, among other things. Violence of any sort will not be tolerated. Violence is not just physical in nature; violent words have just as much impact on students and will be addressed accordingly. Strict adherence to district policies and guidelines will be observed.