



SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS



GROUP I

1. Why did you choose to become a teacher?
2. What are your hobbies and interests?
3. What do you do when you must teach students that are reluctant learners?
4. How do you integrate curriculum across subject/content areas?
5. Describe the reasons why you would contact parents.
6. Describe some innovative projects or hands-on activities you have implemented in a classroom.

GROUP II

7. Why do you want to work for our school district?
8. Tell me about the three people who have most influenced your own education and educational career.
9. What is a recent book you have read?
10. What are your greatest strengths and challenges?
11. How would you go about increasing parent involvement?
12. What teaching strategies do you use to motivate students to learn?

Group III

13. What qualities do you have that would enhance our teaching staff?
14. How do you help students experience success?
15. What extra curricular activities would you like to get involved with at our school?
16. What needs and/or expectations do you have of other teachers and the school administration?
17. Why is the parent-teacher relationship so important?
18. Describe a classroom management issue you have experienced and explain how you handled it.

GROUP IV

19. What are some personality characteristics you find desirable or undesirable in people that you work with?
20. What are some of the ways you get to know your students personally?
21. What are some effective ways to communicate with parents?
22. How would you challenge the slow learner and the advanced learner within the same class?
23. How would you integrate technology into the curriculum you would teach?
24. Give an example of how you have used cooperative learning in your classroom.

Questions you might ask:

1. How many classes would I be teaching?
2. How many "preps" does this position require? (Remember, you may only be teaching 5 classes, but if you have four different "preps" for four different subjects you may be in trouble)
3. Would I have my own classroom? (Having to teach in different classrooms can make teaching much more difficult)
4. Do you have a teacher mentor program? (A teacher mentor program can be a new teacher's saving grace, but veteran teachers can benefit from them as well)
5. Will I have opportunities for professional development? (You want to give the impression that you plan to grow professionally)
6. What type of access would I have to technology? (Grade book software, email, united streaming, etc.)
7. What duties are required of the position? (Lunch, hallway etc.)
8. What type of extracurricular activities can I get involved with?
9. How much planning time do teachers have? (Don't ask this question first...it will come across as planning time is your most important question. However, planning time is important and different schools will have different amounts of time allotted for teacher planning so you should make sure you know before you accept any teaching job)
10. What is the school policy on inclusion?

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