

Teaching Resources

Sample Interview Questions

Sample Teaching Interview Questions

These are actual questions that school district representatives have used

Prepare for "curriculum" specific questions such as:

- How do you integrate language arts into your math lessons?
- Since the new math framework is linguistically based, how do you implement it?
- How would you set up a comprehensive Social Studies (or whatever) program for 9th grade?
- Briefly discuss one of your strongest and most successful units?
- What do you feel are the main curriculum components of your subject area?

General Educational/Knowledge questions

- What do you know about instructional strategies? (Madeline Hunter steps?)
- What do you do with a child in your class who doesn't speak a word of English?
- Describe how you would motivate students who are doing poorly, below grade level or "turned off" to your class.
- What's your philosophy of education?
- Describe how you would establish and maintain high & consistent standards of achievement.
- What techniques do you use to promote self-esteem in your students?
- Describe a reading program you are familiar with (or a language program, math program).
- What is your philosophy regarding homework?
- Briefly describe the steps you use in lesson design.
- Everyone has peaks & valleys in their school year. Please describe an extreme peak, and extreme valley.
- Do you have areas where you could lead other teachers in staff development or in-service training.
- What knowledge or experience do you have on authentic assessment?

Your Personal Qualities

- What are your strengths?
- What are your weaknesses?
- What do you feel are the most important personal characteristics for a teacher to have to be successful? Which of these do you possess?
- Tell us about talents, interests and personality traits you could bring to your class and the school.
- Flexible, enthusiastic, cooperative, adaptable, energetic. Are these descriptors of you? Give some examples.

You As A Teacher

- Describe your favorite teacher and tell why he/she was your favorite.
- What do you think provides the greatest pleasure in teaching?
- Why would I want a child in your class?
- What are the most important professional characteristics you feel a teacher should have?