

A Sample of Common Interview Questions for Teachers

What is your philosophy of teaching?

What issues in education are of greatest concern for you?

What is your opinion of the No Child Left Behind Act? (or other current legislation)

Describe the role of the teacher in the learning process.

Tell me how, and to what extent, would you include parents in the classroom?

What is the role of the teacher in the community?

How will you individualize instruction in your classroom?

Why do you want to teach?

Describe how you would handle a parent who is upset with you over a child's poor grades.

What special abilities do you have that would benefit your students?

What prompted you to go into the field of education?

Do you grade on ability or effort? Why?

Are you interested in working with students in some extracurricular activity? If not, why not?

What are the most important rewards you expect from your career in teaching?

How do you determine or evaluate success in teaching?

Why did you decide to apply for a position with this school district (or school)?

In addition to student teaching, what experience do you have working with children?