

Life Long Learners

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It is very important for me as a teacher to adopt a lifelong learner mindset because it can help me progress throughout my teaching career as a person and as a teacher. Lifelong learning can help teachers face many challenges. The teachers who adopt a lifelong learning mindset have admittance to information that non lifelong learners would not. The lifelong learner teachers will take that information and use it to collaborate with other teachers, faculty members, and students. Lifelong learning teachers can also view mistakes they make as ways to better themselves. They will be able to use these mistakes as ways to overcome challenges as part of the learning process rather than these challenges resulting in failures. Additionally, some of the best learning a teacher could get is on the job learning. Teachers learning from the students can better help themselves in their own classroom. For example, the more a teacher learns about their students the better the teacher can connect with the students and be able to relate topics, and material to the students. Also, if a teacher can learn from the students about what the popular activities, interests, or trends, that can also help the teacher connect things learned inside the classroom to things the students are familiar with. This connection, and the teacher's willingness to learn more about the students, can help make the students more enthusiastic about learning.

Furthermore, with technology rapidly changing and becoming increasingly popular in more and more classrooms, a teacher with extensive knowledge about different technology will be able to keep up with the student's interests. Additionally, many technologies can become obsolete within a couple years, so a teacher being always willing to learn will help them keep up to date with new technologies that could enhance a student's learning. Technology is becoming an essential part of teaching and learning today and will be a must have in every classroom as the years go on. Nowadays teachers must be knowledgeable about technology in the classroom to

meet state requirements while also preparing their students for their futures outside the classroom and school. By constantly learning, a teacher will be able to learn new technologies which will help them keep up with the state requirements and not fall behind.