

Personal Interest Questionnaire

Directions: Please word process answers to the following questions. Please begin each answer with the question. Your answers will be evaluated for both content and style. Print and send your responses to the Special Education Coordinator.

1. What does the term “Special Education” mean to you?
2. What experiences do you have working with typically developing children?
3. What experiences do you have in working with children, youth, or adults with disabilities?
4. What is your philosophy about education? Describe in more detail the three most important components of your philosophy.
5. If you were observed teaching, what practices/activities would be seen as the implementation of your philosophy about education?
6. Provide an example of how you would create a positive learning environment and promote academic achievement for diverse students.
7. What evidence can you present that will attest to the likelihood of your personality and character contributing to you becoming a successful educator?
8. Describe what you perceive are your strengths as a future teacher.
9. Describe your plan for personal and professional development.
10. Is it possible for special education students to learn from a teacher who doesn't really like them?
11. Can you think of at least two mistakes you might make as a teacher? Why would they be mistakes?
12. What is one issue that you might struggle with as an educator?
13. If there were only one thing that the committee would consider in determining the acceptance of your application, what would it be?