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Personal Philosophy Statement

My mission statement in education would be to motivate and engage students to become contributing, innovative, and knowledgeable learners in a global society. In order to accomplish this there are five pertinent areas that need to be addressed.

I believe in using professional practices that reflect the whole child as a learner. This includes fostering a growth mindset, cultivating curiosity to acquire knowledge and promoting creativity of thought. Teaching to children's individual modalities including kinetic, auditory and visual tendencies, left brain/right brain preferences, and their preferred multiple intelligence assures that the whole child is addressed. When students are allowed to shine in their dominate styles and made to stretch in their less preferred styles true growth is achieved.

Parental involvement is vital to a child's learning. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to come into the classroom. My website is updated weekly with pertinent information about what is happening in the classroom. Remind is used to keep students and parents aware of upcoming events and homework. Parents are kept informed of students progress by emails, phone calls, and access to Powerschool to check students grades online daily. Weekly lesson plans are uploaded to the Louisville Middle School website.

Cooperative learning is a vital element in my social studies classroom. Students will be working in a variety of groups in structured activities to learn and work on projects.

Assessment will be a vital key in analyzing a student's progress. There will be a variety of assessments including performance based tasks, observation, written evaluations and personal conferencing. Projects will be graded by rubrics which the students will receive at the beginning of each unit.

Technology will be implemented on a daily bases in the classroom. Each student will have their own laptop which they are responsible for. As our curriculum is web-based students will complete assignments online and use a variety of technology

including I-movie, Prezi, Thinglink, keynotes, Google Drive and Smart boards to produce projects and perk their creativity.