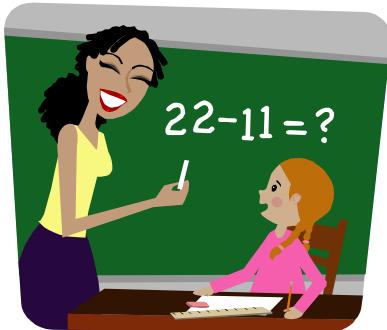


# SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER CANDIDATES



The questions below will give you a sample of the types of questions that are frequently asked at interviews for positions in the field of education.

## **Motivation and Personality:**

- ⇒ Why have you selected education as a profession?
- ⇒ What do you enjoy most about teaching?
- ⇒ What do you feel would be the most significant contribution you could make to our school system?
- ⇒ Why did you decide to teach your subject area in particular?
- ⇒ What is there about you that would cause a district to hire you over others?

## **Academic Preparation:**

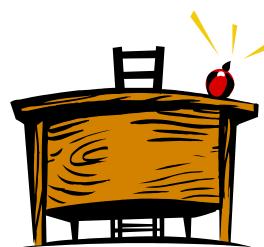
- ⇒ Describe your student teaching experience.
- ⇒ Tell me about your most difficult/enjoyable experience during your student teaching.
- ⇒ What was the highlight?
- ⇒ What was the worst problem you encountered? How did you handle it?
- ⇒ Describe one activity or lesson that you were particularly proud of that you accomplished during your student teaching experience.
- ⇒ Describe how you deal with discipline issues.
- ⇒ Please tell me about your other work experience with children.
- ⇒ What evidence can you cite of rapport building in your teaching experiences?

## **Teaching Techniques and Style:**

- ⇒ Explain your style of teaching – strategies, methodologies, techniques.
- ⇒ What is your grading philosophy?
- ⇒ How do you plan for a year? A week? A day?
- ⇒ What are some examples of “rules” you would have in your classroom?
- ⇒ Describe what I would see if I walked into your classroom while school was in session.
- ⇒ What area would you like to strengthen?
- ⇒ What steps would you take to improve a student’s self-concept?

## **Knowledge of the Employer:**

- ⇒ What do you know about our school district?
- ⇒ Why do you want to be a teacher in our district?
- ⇒ What would you do if:
  - You caught a student cheating?
  - A student never had his/her homework completed?
  - A student seemed to be an outcast in the class?
  - You knew a student had a serious personal problem?
- ⇒ How would you communicate with parents?
- ⇒ How will you go about meeting the needs of exceptional students?



**The key to a great interview is preparation and practice!**

**Make sure that you have done your homework well in advance! Make an appointment with a career counselor in the Career Center for help preparing for interviews or to do a mock interview. 609-652-4650**