

Student Teaching/Placement Essential Questions

“Education at its best – this profound human transaction called teaching and learning-is not just about getting information or getting a job. Education is about healing and wholeness. It is about empowerment, liberation, transcendence, about renewing the vitality of life. It is about finding and claiming ourselves and our place in the world.”

Parker Palmer

1. What strategy will you use for **starting class**?
2. What strategies will you use to quickly **get students into groups**?
3. What strategies will you use to ensure **reading comprehension** takes place in all content areas (math, science, English, etc)?
4. How will you **activate prior knowledge** within your lesson?
5. What specific strategies will you use to **support second language learners**?
6. Will you use a **seating chart**? If so, how will it support classroom management and learning? How will it support your ELD learners?
7. What strategies will you use within the lesson to **check for understanding**?
8. What strategies will you use to ensure all your students are **lifting the weights** throughout the entire lesson? Hint: If you couldn't speak, how would you teach?
9. What strategies will you and your students use to ensure that all **student voices are heard in your classroom**? For example, if you are holding a full class discussion, what strategies will you and your students use to ensure all students are heard (and not just the same few)?
10. What kinds of **multicultural resources** will you use in your classroom? Who do they include? Who do they exclude?
11. How will you ensure your classroom is a **socially just environment**?
12. What is your strategy for closing class?