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Beyond Teaching
Self-Evaluation

The role of being an effective art teacher requires the individual to be a well-rounded artist and be knowledgeable of different methods of instruction and classroom management. As an artist, I believe my strengths are my repertoire of mediums I have experience in and my ability to express myself in different visual styles. Visual expression is a subject I have been interested in since childhood. Over the years, I have worked hard to expand my talent and build a strong foundation for creating artwork. As an art teacher, I can use my experiences to introduce different styles and mediums to my students.

A successful art teacher introduces their students to different methods of creating art while connecting back to their students' experiences. Maintaining cultural relevancy is crucial to keeping students interested in the classroom. Successful teachers engage in culturally relevant pedagogy and show interest in the lives of their students. Students value an empathetic learning environment where they feel welcomed and acknowledged. Being nurturing, empathetic, and being open to discussion make the backbone of my educational philosophy. My teaching style focuses on communication, collaboration, and group reflection. Not only do I expect myself to think about others, but I also expect similar behavior from my students. The class functions well when all students are doing well. As a team, my students and I will work to maintain the well-being of one another.

My biggest goal in teaching art is finding a balance between creating and teaching. I want to continue building on my skills and remain active in my local art community. I am more than my role between 8:00 am -3:00 pm. I am also the artist I started out being. I encourage

younger artists to get involved in their local art community. Being an artist is more than just making art. It includes social interactions and a lot of self-reflection. A good artist works to improve their skills and grow as a member of society. I aim to instill that image of being an artist into my students. I know some of them may not have an interest in being an artist. But the drive to be a productive, positive, and passionate member of society is something I want all of my students to have.

I hope through my studies in art education to develop a series of methods that will best facilitate the creative and social development of my future students.