

## **Philosophy of Education**

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My philosophy starts with the principle that every student can learn and wants to learn. They deserve excellent content and instruction to guide them. After being in education for 16 years and teaching at James Irwin for eight years, I have learned that a teacher can reach every student and make a difference in their lives with the proper tools and training.

As leaders and teachers, we must teach students what is true and beautiful. Using original source documents, and looking deeper into the lives of our Founders, will equip our students not only with the knowledge of the real events and outcomes of what early Americans went through, but also LTA's virtues and how the Founders discovered these virtues in the challenges of their day. Our goal is to create thinkers and world changers and not just people who accept everything they are taught at face value. Teaching students how to ask appropriate questions and access good resources and material will open up their world and enable them to deal with tough situations that come their way.

As we teach children and youth about the virtues and the hardships that key people in history experienced, we are helping them become independent and good self-governed citizens. When they graduate from LTA, our students will know how to problem solve and face challenges in a healthy way that promotes the principles of liberty. They will be able to understand the real world and relate better with others who might have different ideas.

My passion is to help our young people become good humans who will help our country discover a new birth of freedom.