



Sample Interview Questions for Teachers

Questions Frequently Asked By an Interviewer

Tell us about yourself.

What is your philosophy of teaching?

Describe an effective lesson.

How do you differentiate instruction?

What is the role of assessment?

Tell us about a challenging student you taught.

How do you partner with parents?

What do you know about our community and our school?

Tell us about your involvement outside the classroom.

What made you decide to become a teacher?

What interests you about working with elementary/secondary school students?

Describe a personal experience that had an impact on your teaching.

Tell me about your experience working with multi-culturally diverse classes.

What are your strong points as a teacher?

Why do you want to teach in this district/school?

How do you generate excitement about your lesson?

How would you handle a student who repeatedly interrupted your lesson for clarification?

What areas have you identified and targeted for improvement? How will you strengthen them?

What kind of resources do you like to use in the classroom?

How do you define “success” for yourself as a teacher?

Describe your level of proficiency with technology.

Would you employ any peer tutoring in your classroom? In what instances?

What method of classroom management works best for you?

What is the first thing you will say to your students on opening day?

Are there any extracurricular activities you would be willing to lead or co-lead?

What kind of working relationship do you prefer with your department chair/principal?

What grading system do you prefer? Why?

How do you hope to spend your summers?

What would we see if we walked into your classroom?

What are some trends in education that relate to your specific curriculum area or grade level?

In a competitive teaching job market, what sets you apart as a candidate?

Questions for Applicants to Consider Asking an Interviewer

Showcase your talents, for example:

I've had some experience working on a school yearbook and I really enjoyed working with the students. Do you have a yearbook?

General questions:

What are you most proud of about your school?

How do teachers integrate technology into the classroom?

What would faculty, students and parents say are the strengths of your school?

What are your evaluation procedures?

Do you offer professional growth opportunities for new teachers?

What extracurricular activity opportunities might be available?

Do parents tend to get involved in school activities?