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Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers in Relation to Philosophy

The Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers is closely related to essentialist philosophy. Essentialism is a teacher focused method of teaching, meaning that everything that the students learn is through the teacher. The essentialists believe that observing and being in contact with the physical world is how people learn best. Students focus on a curriculum that is based on what is believed to be the essentials for a productive life. One of the goals of essentialism is to produce contributing members of society. Through giving students the essential tools, this should be an achievable goal for most students. Teachers with an essentialist's mentality will make sure that their students are academically disciplined. In order to attain the essentials of life, students must be involved in academics constantly to further in grain concepts learned in school.

Concepts of an essentialist teacher are related to the Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers because of the teacher centered and curriculum based focuses inferred throughout the code of ethics. There are multiple references in the code of ethics about making sure that the teacher is qualified for their teaching job and that they will not distort the material. To me, this means that the teacher is at the center of the learning environment because they are making sure that the information provided by the teacher is correct. Essentialists are very curriculum focused and would not want subject matter to be presented incorrectly. The reason why these two relate is because they both seem to base a lot of the students' knowledge about what is in a text book. There are

other philosophies that do not want to have a lot of text book learning, and instead focus more on hands on learning.

In my classroom I will apply many of the Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers because I agree with most of them. Subject matter will not be presented incorrectly to my students. That being said, the material will not always be presented out of a text book, instead it will be adjusted to suit the learning styles of my students. All students in my classroom will be treated as equals. My classroom will always be a safe learning center, so I will do anything that I can to maintain it as such.

The code of ethics says to be careful about the relationships that are formed with parents. It is crucial for teachers to be in constant conversation with their students' parents. Parents should know about their child's academic progress so that they know what to help them with at home. Also, parents can sometimes provide outside resources for the teacher to use in their classroom. I as the teacher should be careful with this though because such resources should be examined by me and other teachers to make sure they are safe for the students.