

Sample Interview Questions for Teacher Candidates

Describe the courses you most enjoyed at NKU, and explain why.

Why do you want to be a teacher?

Why have you chosen to interview with our school system?

What is your philosophy of education?

Describe your previous work experience and how it will relate to your work as a teacher.

Describe your theory of curriculum development and how you would implement a new curriculum.

What is your philosophy of classroom management?

How would you evaluate your performance in the classroom?

How would you like your students to describe you at the end of the school year?

How would you like your teaching colleagues to describe you at the end of the school year?

What is the greatest asset you will bring to your classroom and to your profession?

What extracurricular activities do you feel you could supervise in our school system?

What skills do you think an excellent teacher should possess?

In addition to becoming a successful teacher, what are your other goals?

How would you organize your classroom in order to teach the entire class, yet provide individualized instruction?

How would you approach the problem of students who have not mastered basic reading or writing skills?

What have you done recently to overcome one of your weaknesses?

What are your interests and hobbies outside the school setting?

What are the primary professional associations for your field?

What are your plans for future professional growth and development?

What are some of the current issues in regard to teaching and education?

How would you respond to a parent who is upset with your teaching methods or with your treatment of his or her child?

How would you describe the "ideal" principal? What assets should he or she have that will help your performance as a teacher?

How much do you intend to involve the administration with regard to problems, conflicts, and/or suggestions in the classroom?

Why should I give you further consideration as opposed to other candidates?

What would you like to add to this information that will help me remember you as a teaching candidate?

Do you have a portfolio of some of your lesson plans, activities, projects, etc. that I may see?