Teaching Credo

School should be one of the most exciting times of a child's life. I say this, because a child spends a major part of his childhood in school. As a student, I absolutely hated classes with teachers that just lectured during class. I really struggled to learn the subject, because they were boring. As a teacher I will try to make my class as fun as possible and still get the lesson taught. This is one of the major reasons why I want to become a teacher. I want to bring an enjoyable learning environment to the students.

I want to become a teacher for multiple reasons. The first reason is that former teachers inspired me. For example, my art teacher, I took 2D art my senior year as an elective to fill in my schedule. Going into the art class thinking I was not a good at drawing, my teacher pushed me to do my best work and not just mess around. As the year progressed I made drastic improvements and actually placed in some of the drawing events in our county show. Without her pushing me to do my best work I would have never decided to pursue becoming an art teacher, which I want to become. This has made me want to inspire other kids to work hard. Another way I want to inspire kids to work hard and achieve their goals is being a coach.

The last reason I want to be a teacher is I enjoy being around kids. I have had the experience of doing many things with kids from student teaching in high school to working baseball and wrestling camps. I have even babysat some young kids for a day. When I was around these kids I always enjoyed myself and I feel
that the kids enjoyed me.

As a teacher I want to make my class as exciting as possible for the kids in my class. The best way that I feel this can be done is through hands on teaching. This method gives the students a chance to actually apply what has been taught to them. I also feel that hands on activities will help students understand the material that has been taught especially if they did not understand it in their readings or class notes. As a student, I always enjoyed hands on learning, because it made the class more exciting and easier to learn.

Another method I want to use is one on one teaching. Hopefully close to the end of each class period I will have time to be able to work my way around the classroom to talk to each student. I feel this is a good way to interact with the kids, find out what I can do to help them understand the material better. If this is not possible because the amount of time in a class period; I would like to make myself available for questions after school. I want to do this because when I was a student, if I did not get a chance to ask questions or did not get to talk to the teacher one on one about the lesson there were times when I would be totally lost.

Last as a teacher I want to be able to influence the kids in my classroom. Not only do I want them to be influenced in the subject area that I teach but also in life skills. I want to encourage them to be good kids. I want to be able to teach them skills that will help them out later on in life. I will try to do this by keeping a clean learning environment that is well disciplined and by being an example.

I plan to become an art teacher at a high school in 5 years. I plan on using hands on activities and one on one teaching to teach my future class. With these
things I hope to inspire many kids like the way my art teacher inspires me, maybe not just to become a artists but to become a well mannered young adults.