

Interview Questions for Teachers or Administrators

I would suggest asking about

- experience in multiple grade level teaching situations
- the importance of matching teaching styles and learning styles
- use of technology
- give their impressions of educational schools and classrooms they have visited (even though the person might not have taught in one of our schools, at least the administrator candidates should have visited some in preparation for an interview).
- questions similar to the questions in the document, "Question Some Real Authorities - Listen to the Real Wisdom of Youths" (available on the CDS Network website at <http://www.cdsnetwork.org/conf-resources.html>) which are posed to students about their views on what is necessary in a successful classroom situation - the underlying message being that students must be seen as valuable contributors, worthy of respect, who come to us with assets that make them "at-promise" for success - not the negative at-risk for failure.
- knowledge of character-based curriculum and plans for infusing pro-social developmental approaches into all classroom practices and subject areas, not merely a pro-social skills hours.
- career-technical education and about making students aware that being a student involves many work skills (see "School as Workforce Preparation and Resume" that is also on the CDSN web page).
- discuss issues and approaches that support or undermine successful transition into and from educational options and traditional school programs
- discuss collaboration with others in the educational process in addition to teaching staff (counselors, probation officers, community volunteers, parents and other significant adults ...

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