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Ethic Performance Task

The Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession of Florida are important for educators to know and follow so as to not inadvertently violate any of the standards. The Code of Ethics is a set of guidelines to help keep the relationship between students and teachers at a professional level. Teachers are held to a high moral standard and are accountable for their private and public lives. The primary concern for every educator should be to show concern for the student and the student’s potential development, and to use sound judgment when making decisions for and with students.

During the recent presidential election, the students in my class completed a mock election. I had one student make the comment, “I am not voting for Donald Trump because he makes fun of people” and I had another student who came back with “I am voting for Donald Trump.” I let the students in the class know that everyone has their own opinion and that we should respect them all. Healthy discussions between students continued after the election. They were obviously voicing their parents’ feelings. Some students in the classroom did not share my political beliefs. I did not let that change the way I thought of them or how I treated them in the classroom. I continued to enhance the right to their opinions and to support their discussions.

The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct specifically outlines that an educator shall not deny a student access to diverse points of view or deny a student’s legal rights. It is not ethical to discriminate against a student because they do not share the same political beliefs as others. I feel that, as an educator, it is my job to show students that it is alright to have different beliefs and that it is not alright to harass or discriminate against others because of what they believe. I hope to cultivate a respectful, educational classroom to support the worth, beliefs, and dignity of every child.