

Teacher Ed Sample Interview Questions

1. Tell me about yourself.

Prepare a 40-60 second introduction (elevator pitch) including your name, education, relevant skills and experience, and what you're passionate about.

2. Why do you want to be a teacher? Or... What's your WHY?

3. How do you plan to differentiate?

4. How do you know all students are learning?

5. Tell me about a time when you led someone else?

6. How do you handle difficult situations?

7. How do you deal with failure?

8. Suppose you lived in a fishbowl. How would you respond to any type of situation (good or bad)?

9. What is your experience with _____? (specific to each school district)

- children of poverty
- multi-lingual learners
- the new ELA standards (early childhood)
- the new math standards (early childhood/elementary)
- the workshop model
- children with varying needs

10. How would your {professor, mentor teacher, etc.} describe you?

11. Tell me about a time when you had to mediate conflict. How did you handle it?

12. What kinds of extracurricular activities do you participate in?

13. What are your top three strengths?

Discuss your top three relevant strengths for the role and gives examples of each to demonstrate.

14. What is your biggest weakness?

We ALL have weaknesses (or non-strengths). These are areas for growth! In an interview, you get to pick which one you mention (e.g., lack of experience, etc.). Focus on one that's not as crucial for the role and explain how you're actively improving it.

15. What's one new skill you have been developing recently?

16. What is an accomplishment that you're proud of?

Give an example that highlights your skills, work ethic, or ability to overcome challenges.