

Ten Things I learned during Practicum

1. The first thing I learned was how meaningful it is to students to know them by their first name or nickname.
2. The second thing I learned was how hard it can be to balance being a coach and a teacher. Mr. Welstad was one of the Basketball coaches for CHS and it showed how tough it can be at times to balance things.
3. The third thing I learned was how to grade everyone “equally” based on their needs.
4. The fourth thing I learned was how to incorporate standard based grading into a high school classroom where there is “regular” grading (A, B, C...).
5. The fifth thing I learned was how to handle students when they are disrupting the entire class but not giving them the satisfaction of throwing the whole class off.
6. The sixth thing I learned was how to monitor students on computers while still being in the front of the classroom teaching.
7. The seventh thing I learned was how to answer the same question but in a different way, so all the students could understand what was going on.
8. The eighth thing I learned was how drastic each class is just because the students want to be there (enriched geometry classes) and when they don't care and don't want to be there (regular algebra II classes).
9. The ninth thing I learned was all the different ways technology can be incorporated into a lesson. (i.e. Desmos class app)
10. The final thing I learned was how to handle students in a proper way even though we may be close in age.