

Teacher Interview

Directions:

Below are questions that you might ask the teacher that you interview. You are not limited to these questions, so please add questions that are interesting to you. Remember that teachers are busy and cannot interrupt class to be interviewed. Plan ahead so you can find a time to talk to the teacher when they can give you their full attention.

Potential Questions:

- How long have you been teaching? How long have you been teaching physics?
- What other classes do you teach besides physics?
- What do you like best about teaching physics? What are the challenges?
- What are some of the major challenges that teachers face in education today? Are there specific issues that California teachers face? How do you overcome these?
- What advice do you have for beginning teachers?
- How do you create positive classroom environments for your students?
- How do you define classroom diversity? What impact does the diversity of the student population have on your teaching?
- What forms of communication do you use to involve parents in their child's education? How do you deal with challenging parents?
- Who are the other school personnel that you interact with often? How do you interact with them? What forms of communication do you use?

After the interview

Write a summary report of the interview and answer the following questions.

- Of all the information that you gathered, what was most interesting to you?
- Did anything the teacher shared discourage you?
- What did the teacher say that inspired you? Surprised you?
- How will this information influence you as you consider your future career?