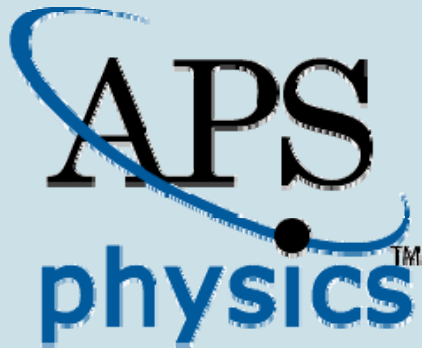


# Landing Your First Teaching Job



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# Section 1 - Getting Ready

What should you do before the interview?

- Cast your net widely
  - practice makes you better!
- Don't be shy
  - you're better than you think you are
- Primary References
  - people who've seen you teach
- Secondary References
  - people who understand your qualifications
- Be Politely Pushy

# Section 2 – The Interview

What to do when the big day comes

# what's your philosophy of education?

- What kind of teacher are you ?
- How do you handle it if a student acts up?
- How often do you contact parents?
- Tell me about a success you have had in the classroom.
- Tell me about a bad day you had in the classroom.
- Why should I hire you?
- Talk me through a lesson you've taught.
- If you were teaching students within a high poverty population and knew that many of them had not eaten breakfast and had arrived at school too late to have a free breakfast, what would you do to help them focus and perform well in your classes?

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- Describe any discipline issues and how you resolved them;
- What is differentiated instruction?
- How do you use technology in the classroom?
- Why teaching? (along the line of you could be making a lot more money with your degree in other fields)

# You Are Interviewing Them

- What is the classroom like?
- What are the students like?
- Is there enough science equipment?
- Is there enough technology?
- When will I hear from you next?
- Is a salary schedule available?
- Are there any other duties?
- Who will make the final decision?

# Be Flexible . . . Or Not

- Is the job as advertised?
- What if they offer a different position?
  - What will or won't you do?
  - What can you coach?



# Use the STAR Method

## *DISCUSS*

- Situation
- Task to be completed
- Approach
- Result

# Section 3 – Post-Interview

Next steps and Follow Ups

# Counteroffer?

- What if they offer you something you don't want?
  - What will you come back with?
  - How?

# It Was An Inside Job

- What if interview process was perfunctory (i.e. candidate has already been chosen?)
  - Interview Practice
  - Learning Opportunity
  - Expanding Network

# You got it!

- How will you get ready?
- Can you get a key?
- Can you meet other teachers?
- Is there a district curriculum, or guidelines?
- Can you get copies of texts, teacher's guides?
- Workshops, other training?
- Mentors, other teachers?
- Etc.

# Thanks!

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