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## Research

### General Questions

1. Have you created your own web page? If yes, please describe the purpose of the web page and provide the link if available.

**No, I have never created my own web page.**

2. Have you used technology in your class? If so, describe the programs or applications that you used and for what purpose.

**We used little to no technology (overheads) in elementary school. In high school, we used word, powerpoint, excel, and photoshop in computer class and also for papers and presentations.**

3. Have you used any the following programs: Power point, spreadsheet, database?

**I have used powerpoints throughout high school and college. I rarely used spreadsheets (Excel) until college, when I was previously a Business Accounting major.**

4. What other software programs have you used in an educational setting?

**There are no other software programs that I can think of.**

5. What do you expect to learn from this course?

**I hope to learn more about using technology to my advantage in the classroom and also learn a little more about Mac computers.**

6. In one or two sentences explain your central belief about how technology can best be used to enrich education?

**Technology can be integrated into the classroom in many ways that attract the attention of young children growing up with all the new technology. It can benefit students that are having trouble learning certain topics by giving them helpful activities and games that relate to their learning style.**

### Search Questions

1. Consider your philosophy of learning and/or teaching and find at least three web sites that reflect your philosophy. Reply with a short (<50 words) description that describes your philosophy and how the affiliated web site(s) reflect your philosophy.

**My philosophy of learning is that children learn in a social setting that is organized and supportive to every child. The children interact and work to gain a better**

understanding of the subjects. They start making their own decisions and learn how to solve problems. Effective teaching is also important and I believe every teacher is responsible for creating strategies to differentiate instruction in their classroom. Effective classrooms are student-centered. "ChemConnections" reflects my philosophy because it discusses the nature of the learning process, the steps students must take in that process, the ideal learning environment and responsibilities of the teachers. "FacultyFocus" has an article that discusses different ways to approach teaching and learning and what attributes are most effective. Western Michigan University's Department of Occupational Therapy posted their philosophy of learning and discusses many similar beliefs about student-centered classrooms.

[http://chemconnections.org/modules/tandl\\_philosophy.html](http://chemconnections.org/modules/tandl_philosophy.html)

<http://www.facultyfocus.com/articles/philosophy-of-teaching/philosophy-of-teaching-statement-focuses-on-student-learning/>

<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~dhazel/HomePage/PhilosophyofLearning.html>

2. Find a picture of the state capital building in the state where you were born. Provide the URL for the picture and briefly describe your home state's capital building's architecture. Also explain how many people currently live in the state where you were born and the area of your home state in square miles.



<http://www.history.com/photos/kansas/photo4>

**It was built with an east and west wing, then later added the center and the copper dome.**

**The population of Kansas is about 2,818,747, and is approximately 81,815 square miles. I was born in Shawnee Mission, KS.**

3. How many cars were parked in the parking lot just to the north of the Pearson building when the last Google Earth photo of the building was taken?

**35**

4. Translate this question and provide a brief responses in Spanish. ¿Cuál es su deporte favorito, película y actor?

**What is your favorite sport, movie, and actor?**

**Mi deporte favorito es el baloncesto. Mi película favorita es el Hijo-en-ley y mi actor favorito es Matthew McConaughey.**

5. Provide the longitude and latitude of a parent/friend's house and how many other houses there are on that block. If the house is not on a block, how many houses are there between the your parent/friends house and the closest major intersection (not including the private road that leads to the house).

**38°56'04.84"N 94°52'04.33"W**

**There are 9 other houses on my parents' block.**