EDU 201 Classroom Observation and Teacher Interview Project

Part I:

Option 1 – In Person Observation

1. Shadow an elementary teacher for one full school day. The teachers should be teaching grades K-6 and can be at any school in NY state. This can be done in Buffalo or in your hometown if you have contacts in schools there. Use the Guided Notes Worksheet to help.
    a. If you are not able to find a teacher to shadow, please complete Option 2 below.
2. Write a paper that includes all the bullet points below:
    a. How would you describe the classroom? Provide two examples from your observation.
    b. What pedagogical strategies did the teacher use in this lesson? Provide two examples from your observation.
    c. What kinds of questions did the teacher use? Why did s/he ask those questions? Provide two examples from your observation.
    d. How did the teacher differentiate for different learners in their classroom? Provide two examples form your observation.
    e. What was the teacher's classroom management plan? Provide two examples from your observation.
3. This section should be written in an essay format with an introductory and conclusion sentence. This should be 3-4 pages double spaces, size 12 font.

Option 2 – Video Observation

1. Watch the lesson available on Blackboard at least one time through (I recommend two or more times). Use the Guided Notes Worksheet to help.
2. Write a paper that includes all bullet points below:
    a. How would you describe the classroom? Provide two examples from the video.
    b. What pedagogical strategies did the teacher use in this lesson? Provide two examples from the video.
    c. What kinds of questions did the teacher use? Why did s/he ask those questions? Provide two examples from the video.
    d. How did the teacher differentiate for different learners in their classroom? Provide two examples from the video.
    e. What was the teacher's classroom management plan? Provide two examples from the video.
3. This section should be written in an essay format with an introductory and conclusion sentence. This should be 3-4 pages.

Part II:

1. Conduct your interview with a current teacher. You must ask at least eight questions.
    a. If you choose Option 1 above, you may interview the same teacher.
2. Write a summary of your interview in an essay format. This should be 2-4 pages double spaced, size 12 font.
3. Include your questions as a separate page.

Part III:

1. Write a reflection about how this observation and interview have impacted your decision about becoming a teacher.
2. This should be written in an essay format: 1-2 pages double spaced, size 12 font.

You will turn this assignment in as one long paper. Please include a cover page with your name, the date, the course title and number, and the professor. Your paper will be uploaded to Blackboard AND to TaskStream. We will go over this in class.

RUBRIC:

	Level 1 Unacceptable	Level 2 Acceptable	Level 3 Target
Lesson Reflection	Candidate has either failed to consider all lesson components or failed to provide examples.	Candidate had considered the lesson components but did not provide two examples for each component.	Candidate has considered all lesson components and provided two examples related to each component.
Classroom Environment	Candidate did not describe the classroom environment	Candidate described the classroom environment in the video but did not include all elements: learning strategies and classroom management challenges.	Candidate described the children in the observation including learning strategies and classroom management challenges.
Teacher Interview	Candidate did not interview a teacher.	Candidate interviewed a teacher and described the experience but left out one or more of the following: the nature of the teacher's job, teaching strategies used, or management strategies used.	Candidate interviewed a teacher and described the experience including the nature of the teachers job, teaching strategies used, and management strategies used.
Reflection	Candidate did not complete reflection with enough depth.	Candidate reflects on the lesson and interview but does not discuss how these have impacted their decision to become a teacher or does not reflect on the lesson.	Candidate reflects on the lesson and interview and includes a discussion wheat they expected, what surprised them and how it has impacted their decision to become a teacher.

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