Independent Woman
I stand erect, head held high
No bowing down when I catch an eye
My pride I wear on my face
Proud to be of the African race
I have no fear of standing alone
Can achieve all things on my own
These heavy burdens I can stand
For I am the other half of man
I have the strength that I can share
Can show my heart with loving
Care
Can overcome when things go wrong
And strut my stuff for I am strong
I will not lose my dignity
Nor compromise my integrity
For if I must, alone I will stand
And defend my honor
Independent Woman!
-Author Unknown
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PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

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Education is a life-long journey. I chose to become a teacher so that I can guide my students as they embark on the journey of education. I believe in self-efficacy. All children can learn and I believe that I can teach all children. No child is impossible to reach. In these times, diversity is very common in schools. As a teacher I will take a multi-cultural approach to the curriculum, incorporating all diversities. I will cater to students' individual learning styles respecting each child as a living, breathing, thinking person. I believe being an educator means having an unconditional love and/or compassion for the profession. As such, I must embark on my own journey of continuous learning. I must constantly reflect on and improve my teaching strategies accordingly. It is imperative that my classroom be conducive to learning. My students should feel safety and comfort in a setting that allows them to learn by letting
their imaginations roam freely and express themselves without fear of judgment.

Being an educator is not possible without parental support. I believe in creating teamwork between the parent, teacher, and student. They say it takes a village to raise a child and I firmly believe that by working together with the parents, there is nothing my students cannot accomplish. Intrinsic and extrinsic rewards are an important part of education. Though I may not receive many extrinsic rewards, the sheer joy of knowing I am making a difference in a child’s life is enough to keep me coming back to school each day. Knowing that I am affecting change in the community by affecting change in my classroom makes me proud to become a teacher. As a teacher I will reward my students extrinsically but also emphasize the importance of intrinsic rewards such as gaining knowledge and learning new skills, developing morals and values, and learning to be confident. Lastly, as a teacher I will never say never. There is no child that cannot learn and there is no child that I cannot teach. No child is impossible to reach.