

SCRIP Disposition

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The last eight weeks of class has allowed me to learn about different policies that negatively affect students and their families, and many times violate their amendments. I had the opportunity to review case laws dealing with the Compulsory Attendance policies in different states that included penalties for parents and students that missed a certain amount of school days or excessive tardiness according to school. Some families have personal situations that prevent them from attending the school in which they are zoned to attend or have family members living with them temporarily. The compulsory attendance policy is a policy that gained my attention because in Loudoun County public schools, the policy forces families to pay tuition to attend based on specific circumstances. My belief is that all students should have a free public education. No policies should be in place to prevent students from receiving a free public education, fine parents, or jail time for absences from school.

My commitment to completing all my assigned tasks for the course was a huge struggle for me. My work ethic was off with getting my assignments in on time. I was able to complete the assignments, but the timing was very difficult for me to keep up. I found myself researching and reviewing cases, then further researching more information about specific cases because I wanted to know more, basically being off task from completing the assignment, but also gaining knowledge of the history of issues dealing with school policies that violate the amendment rights of students, parents, and teachers. My work reflects my ability to research educational leadership topics and investigate cases and past issues dealing with my selected topic.

As I reflect on this course from start to finish, I am reminded of Galatians 6:9 NIV “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not

give up.” When this course started, I was very emotional about continuing the course, even continuing the program. The passing of my Father last December, the pandemic we are in, the move to Virginia, and not getting help with the grieving process has been overwhelming. Completing my doctoral degree is a wish that my father had, so knowing that he is now my angel watching over me, I have no choice but to continue to push forward and complete my assigned tasks. Our overall legal entanglement project was a task that I had absolutely no clue if I would be able to be successful with it. But with prayer and perseverance, I have successfully made it to week eight of the course with a passing grade that I am so thankful to God, because I know I could not make it through without Him.

In education it takes a true passion to educate students no matter the age. Integrity is important because in early education, the educator shapes young minds and gives the students their first impression on school. The first impression should always be a great experience to make them want to continue to want more and more. Secondary and post- secondary educators must maintain the integrity of the primary and early educators seed that was planted to continue to nurture it into a fully blossomed fruit. Psalms 128:1 NIV “Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.” Walking in the way of the Lord helps us maintain integrity, seeing the students end outcome of what I’ve instilled and taught them over the year or years I am or was their educator warms my heart.

Matthew 7:12 NIV states “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Everyone wants to be treated nicely and with respect. I was taught by my parents as a young girl growing up that a little respect

goes a long way, and that it will lengthen my days. Respect is taught during the early years, and by displaying how to be respectful is something that educators can teach to students of all ages, and they should also show respect to their students, which in my years of experience I have noticed to be an issue that as an educational leader, I want to provide a solution for other educational leaders. Professionalism is important in education, as some people that are not educators may look at the profession as not as important as other fields. Educators must always present themselves appropriately, in the school buildings, online, and in public. Students look up to their teachers. When people come to the field of education, they ultimately become some young or old persons' role model, so it is important to always maintain professionalism.

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