

Some people often think of the job teaching as you, going to a school to teach kids, 8 to 10 hours a day, and only make around \$30,000 a year. There is too much stress and some of the kids act insane. You get paper balls thrown at you and they yell and scream all day.

On the other hand, some people think it's a job that requires a lot of patience, well being, love for the kids and what you do. Getting the respect and thanks from the children you taught of our future. An example of one of these people is Paola Guadeloupe. She is a high school teacher at, Landmark High School. I decided to interview her because it is better for me to get information about this profession from an experienced worker than a non experienced one.

Jean-Necole: What made you want to become a teacher? Would you say you "found" it or did it "find" you?

Paola: I guess I "found" it. I wanted to become a doctor for such a long time, and my um, junior year in college, I had to teach one section of chemistry lab. It turned out I really liked it, I guess I "found" it.

Jean-Necole: What do you like most about teaching, what are your dislikes?

Paola: **Like:** The entertainment aspect of it. And I love showing what I know to my students. There're a lot of things I love about teaching. When teaching comes to mind, what I think I could teach students that I found fun and sort of the entertainment aspect of it.

Dislike: I don't like the grading, talking to parents, the little organizations, those are things I don't like.

Jean-Necole: If there was one thing you could change about this school and their teaching system, what would it be?

Paola: To focus on, like, gifted students and challenge them more.

Jean-Necole: How was your student teaching experience, and what did you get out of it?

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Paola: I didn't have any... because science and math are in high demand and I went straight from a under grad, to grad because the program didn't require student teaching. It was substituted with real teaching.

Jean-Necole: Any regrets about your job?

Paola: No.

Jean-Necole: Are you thinking about changing your job?

Paola: Maybe in a couple or years, but not now.

Jean-Necole: What do you say about the education program now in New York City? The lack of money, and the way the Chancellor handles things?

Paola: I actually don't have a problem, because I'm single. Maybe if I had a family and kids it would be different.

Jean-Necole: Do you have any advice for people out there like me who want to become a teacher?

Paola: Go to a four year college. Whenever you get a chance to be a teacher's assistant for a professor, do it.

Jean-Necole: Thank you Paola!

Paola: Thank you.

This interview taught me to go to a good school, don't worry so much about the money you get paid, and you never know when you may decide to change your mind in life, just go with the flow.