School Administrator Interview Questions

1. Please share with me an example of how you helped coach or mentor someone. What improvements did you see in the person's knowledge or skills?

2. Share an experience in which your conference with a parent or staff improved educational activities, policies, student behavior, or student learning problems.

3. What is the most challenging part of budgeting for you?

4. Tell me about your last experience recruiting, interviewing, or hiring an employee. What techniques did you find most effective in finding the right person for the job?

5. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.

6. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What guidance and direction did you find most effective?

7. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully developed a way to teach/train them.

8. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation.)

9. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.

10. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.

11. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

12. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)

13. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

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14. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

15. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?

16. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

17. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

18. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?

19. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?

20. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?

21. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

22. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

23. Tell me about the last time you oversaw the work of someone else. How did you effectively motivate, develop, and direct the worker(s)?

24. Share an experience in which your ability to consider the costs or benefits of a potential action helped you choose the most appropriate action.

25. Provide a time when you were able to identify a complex problem, evaluate the options, and implement a solution. How did the solution benefit your employer?

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26. Please share an experience in which you successfully taught a difficult principle or concept. How were you able to be successful?
27. Share an experience in which you successfully coordinated with others. How about a coordination effort that was not as successful?
28. Provide an example when you were able to prevent a problem because you foresaw the reaction of another person.
29. What have you found to be the best way to monitor the performance of your work and/or the work of others? Share a time when you had to take corrective action.
30. Share an experience in which you used new training skills, ideas, or a method to adapt to a new situation or improve an ongoing one. (Look for the candidate's ability to learn.)