

My Philosophy of Education

Directions: Follow the basic three-part process for creating your own philosophy of education.

Step 1:

Organize your ideas and create a working draft using the information from the previous exercise, "Teaching Philosophy Template." Provide explanations for your beliefs and ideas about education. Pay attention to grammar, spelling and punctuation.

In your writing, answer the following questions:

- Why is teaching important to you?
- How does this connect to your basic beliefs about learning?
- What does good teaching look like?
- How will you assess the effectiveness of your teaching?

Step 2:

After you have written your draft, exchange it with a partner and peer edit each other's philosophy of education drafts. You may also opt to have your English teacher review your draft and give his or her input on your philosophy of education.

Step 3:

After your draft has been edited, create your final draft. Your final draft will be assessed with "My Philosophy of Education Rubric". You will:

- Type your final draft, double-spaced and place it on construction paper
- Share it with the class
- Place it on the wall for display

You will include your philosophy of education in your education portfolio. Keep in mind that the teaching philosophy is a work in progress. As your teaching changes and your professional identity grows, your teaching philosophy will also change and grow. Revisit your philosophical view of education periodically and amend it as your beliefs and experiences evolve and change.