



## Creating your Personal Philosophy Statement



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## **Definition:**

## "A philosophy statement is a concise, written description of your beliefs and values specific to teaching and learning."

page 173 in notebook: Jones and Shelton, pg 42



#### KWL Chart: Philosophy\_

Know	Want to know	Learned



### KWL Chart: Philosophy\_

#### Want to know?

- Difference between mission statement and philosophy statement
- **How long does it have to be?**
- **What is it used for?**
- **Who is the audience?**



Mission statement	Philosophy statement
Short, few words to couple of sentences	One (or two) pages
Group statement. A vision of what a school, organization, company wants to become, to achieve, and how it will be accountable.	Personal statement which describes beliefs and values related to a particular field or profession. It address key components for the field.



Mission statement	Philosophy statement
Audience: organization, corporation, customers	Audience: employer, parents, scholarship
Used for advertising and for making decisions within organization	Used for applications for: job, promotion, scholarship. Professional growth; reflection and goal setting



Mission statements:

 Wal-Mart: "To give ordinary folk the chance to buy the same thing as rich people."



#### KWL Chart: Philosophy\_

#### Want to know?

#### **∀ Compatibility with work place**

**∀** Is it truly our philosophy?



# Reason for writing and/or updating a philosophy statement:

## Maintain one's own integrity and remain congruent while working with other groups, school systems, etc.



## Philosophy statement purpose/goals





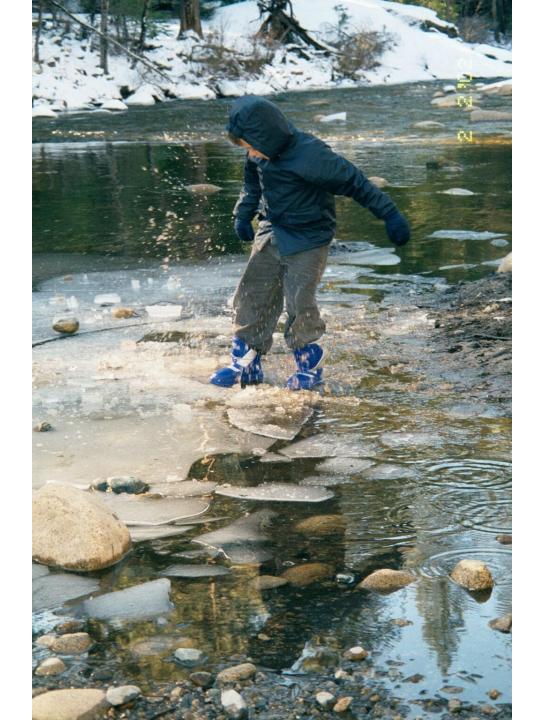
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# Components of a philosophy statement (Page 176)

- Sty philosophical foundation
- If theoretical foundation
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- 𝒴 roles and relationships



## philosophical foundation (page 176)

௺ The nature,

௺ aim(s),

𝒴 value of education





## **Theoretical foundation (page 177)**

Theories

Research





## Learning (page 177)

### 𝒴 source of motivation for learning

Show people learn

Stress Role of play in learning





## Roles and relationships (page 178)

- I Teacher's and student's roles in learning
- Stature of student-teacher relationship
- Structure of relationship with colleagues, parents, community



#### **Philosophy Content – Rubric** (page 183)

	satisfactory (c)	strong (b)	outstanding (a)
Source of motivation for learning (internal - external)	Implied, not clear	Clear where they believe most students are	What they believe is clear; addresses implications when working with students who represent a variety of sources of motivation.
How people learn	One or two ways/types listed	ways/ types illustrated with examples	Addresses multiple ways in which people learn
			Laurel's Philosophy, page 179-180

	satisfactory	strong	outstanding
	(c)	(b)	(a)
Identify	One or two	Three or	Examples tied to
student's	examples	more	research &/or aims of
role	given	examples	education
Identify teacher's role	One or two examples given	Three or more examples	Examples tied to research, diverse needs of students (ability, culture)

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	(c)	(b)	(a)
Environ- ment or Classroom setting	Includes mention of physical setting: eg. Room arrangement	Address learning environment and "tone" of room (ex: relaxed, energized, buzz of activity, friendly, safe)	Examples tied to research, aims of education, &/or different needs of students

	satisfactory	strong	outstanding
	(c)	(b)	(a)
Related to theory or research	Name of one person or theory used in context	Connect own beliefs or practice to the cited research/ researcher	Work of Person or theory cited is congruent with rest of the philosophy statement

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	(c)	(b)	(a)
Purpose of education	Brief inclusion of one point.	One or two examples explained clearly.	Clear connection between global view of education and your beliefs or practice.



# Fun Time

Stand up and stretch

I Toss balls, keep them in the air

Straight Get wiggles out





	satisfactory	strong	outstanding
	(c)	(b)	(a)
Organiz- ation and presenta- tion	Titled, neat, content is typed but paper is unorganized, some errors in grammar and/or spelling but not interfere with clarity	clear, uncluttered and attractive, content clearly organized, few grammatical and/or stylistic or spelling errors	professional looking presentation, message of product is clearly defined

	satisfactory	strong	outstanding
	(c)	(b)	(a)
100% Positive	A few negative words or phrases are included	No more than one negative word or phrase is included	The tone is professional and 100% of words are positive.

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	(c)	(b)	(a)
Jargon free, non- education audience	A few words or phrases which are used in the our early care and educational field are not explained	Jargon free. or - if one or two examples of jargon are used, then they explained.	All content is stated in clear terms that an intelligent layperson could understand

	satisfactory	strong	outstanding
	(c)	(b)	(a)
One page or less, double spaced	One page, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> spacing or margins less than one inch. Or very small font size or type.	One page or less, good margins and readable font type and size	One page or less, good margins and readable font type and size

	satisfactory (c)	strong (b)	outstanding (a)
Congruent	A few	Everything	The content is
and consistent	examples listed don't	sounds like it belongs in	harmonious and cohesive. Model
consistent	logically	the	statement where all
	connect or	statement,	the examples are
	"go	apparent in-	feasible for one
	together"	consistencies	person to believe.
		are explained	

	satisfactory (c)	strong (b)	outstanding (a)
Standard English and Grammar	Some minor errors. Writing still needs some editing.	Few errors. Writing demonstrates clear command of English language conventions	No errors. Writing provides excellent model, very smooth reading.
		and usage.	



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