

Philosophy of Education

All of you have come in contact with some really Awesome teachers that have impacted your life in a positive way, and some have even come in contact with some Not-So-Good teachers that have impacted your life in a negative way. Think about those teachers for a minute ... which do you remember most?

What is a Philosophy? *Any system of beliefs, values or tenets; A personal outlook or viewpoint. (dictionary.com - World English Dictionary definition)*

Here are some questions for you to think about:

- Do you want to be a teacher?
- Why do you want to go into the field of education?
- Who or what helped you make this decision?
- What can you give to the field of education or why would you be an excellent teacher?
- What "hot topics" in education peak your interest?
 - You will need to find an article on a topic that is HOT in the nation's news about education, use it as a reference and include a copy of it with your statement
 - Do NOT plagiarize from any artifacts or current articles - - - You may use quotes from them as a reference but give credit where credit is due ☺

What road or path will you choose after high school?

- Working at a daycare or nanny, so you can save money?
- Attending a two-year college (Harper) so you can get your general education classes done at a cheaper price?
 - Unsure what area you want to go - early/elementary/secondary?
 - Save money or cannot afford a four-year college right out of high school?
 - Parents are requiring you to stay close to home at first?
 - Want to obtain an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood/Preschool?
- Attending a four-year college/university (ISU or EIU) and major in education
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Elementary Education
 - Special Education
 - Secondary Education
 - School Counseling
 - Speech Pathology or Audiology
 - Administration

Assignment: You are to write up your own *Philosophy of Education*. I want you to think about the questions that I posed above and compose a 1-2 page paper that explains why you want to go into the field of education, what you want to do as a teacher, why you are passionate about going into the field of education, what "HOT topics/current events/issues" peak your interest about education in our nation, and why you will be an excellent teacher. Please follow the following guidelines:

- Must be a minimum of one full page and no more than two full pages typed up.
- Paper should be 12 pt. font (may use Comic Sans, Ariel or Times New Roman fonts ONLY)
- Paper should have narrow margins on all sides (0.5" on all sides)
- Paper should be double spaced
- Please use proper grammar and paragraphs throughout. You should proofread/spell check your paper before handing it in. (HINT = have another person read it and double check you too).
- Refer to the grading rubric when composing your philosophy paper - this is how you will be graded!
- Don't forget to attach an actual "current event/hot topic in education" article that you will use to "reference" within your paper
- NO Plagiarism ... give credit where credit is due.