

11. Philosophy Statements

Purpose:

Most prospective employers will be very interested in this section. Your reader should be able to tell at a glance where your teaching priorities and philosophies will lie.

You will need to include two documents for this section— one being a statement on your philosophy of education, and the other a statement on your philosophy of classroom management. They should be written in bulleted style or easy-to-read narratives which explain aspects of your philosophy.

Suggestions:

This is not the place for long, involved papers; although papers you've written on these topics should certainly inform you as you highlight the principles you want to present.

In addition to a general philosophy of teaching statement and one concerning classroom management, you may also want to include other philosophy statements regarding multiculturalism, the use of technology, the role of the teacher and literature, etc. (anything else that might set you apart and share a particular strength you have).