

Philosophy of Education Paper

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Summary of Personal Philosophy

My personal philosophy of education is centered on supporting the whole child and creating a positive learning environment. I believe that children learn best through play, relationships, and hands-on experiences. As a teacher, my role is to guide and support children while encouraging their curiosity and independence. I also believe that building strong relationships with families is important for children's success. My philosophy is influenced by the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct, which guides teachers to act in the best interest of children and families (Feeney & Freeman, 2019).

My philosophy of education is based on my experience as a preschool teacher and my learning at Rochester Christian University. I believe early childhood education is important because it builds the foundation for children's future learning and development. Young children learn best through play, relationships, and hands-on activities. As a teacher, I try to create a safe, caring, and engaging classroom where children feel supported and valued. I believe teachers should guide children with patience, respect, and understanding. My philosophy is also influenced by the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct, which reminds me to always do what is best for children and families. In this paper, I will explain my beliefs, values, goals, and experiences as an educator.

Style of Teaching I Will Practice in the Classroom

I will use a child centered and play based teaching style in my classroom. I will support children's curiosity and give them opportunities to explore and learn through hands on experiences. I will act as a guide and support their learning instead of only giving instructions. I will also create a classroom environment where children feel safe to share their ideas and try new things.

My Reasons for Wanting to be an Educator

I want to be an educator because I enjoy working with young children and helping them grow. One experience that inspired me was seeing a child feel proud after learning something new. That moment showed me how important teachers are in children's lives. I want to make a positive difference and support children in their early learning.

Belief Statement Reflections

I believe that the goal of education is to support the whole child and help them grow socially, emotionally, and academically. Education should help children become confident, independent, and kind individuals. When teachers focus on the whole child, children are better prepared for future learning and life experiences.

I believe the role of the teacher is to guide, support, and encourage children. Teachers should create a safe environment and build strong relationships with children and families. These relationships help children feel secure and ready to learn.

I believe that students should be active learners who explore, ask questions, and learn through experience. Children learn best when they are involved and engaged in their learning. They should feel respected and supported in their learning environment.

I believe that knowledge grows over time through learning and experience. Children develop knowledge through practice, interaction, and exploration. Teachers should provide opportunities that support this growth in meaningful ways.

Short- and Long-Range Educational Goals

I have taken many steps to prepare myself for the field of early childhood education. I am currently working as a GSRP preschool teacher, which has given me daily hands-on experience supporting children's learning and development. I have also completed my college coursework at Rochester Christian University, which has helped me build strong knowledge in early childhood education. In addition, I have created early literacy kits and shared them with families across

Oakland County libraries to support learning at home. I have also worked on family partnership projects with a community pediatric dentist, reaching over 250 GSRP children through reading activities and hands-on learning experiences. I have presented my work at the MiAEYC conference and will also be presenting again in May about family partnerships. In the future, I plan to continue learning, improve my teaching practices, and expand my work in family partnerships and community engagement.

My interest in early childhood education started in my home country, where I worked as a teacher for about six years. After moving to the United States, I stayed home to take care of my children when they were young. During that time, I also completed a cybersecurity certification. However, I realized that my true passion was still in early childhood education. I always enjoyed working with young children and supporting their learning and development.

Now, I work as a preschool teacher and continue to grow in my profession. I also expand my outreach by supporting children and families in the community. These experiences have helped me understand the importance of patience, care, and strong relationships in teaching. They have strengthened my commitment to making a positive impact in children's lives.

Applying the NAEYC Code

The NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct provides guidelines for early childhood educators to support children, families, and communities. It helps teachers make responsible and ethical decisions in their daily work. In my classroom, I follow this code by creating a safe and respectful environment, building strong relationships with families, and supporting each child's development. I also make sure to treat all children fairly and with respect. Following the

NAEYC Code helps me maintain professionalism and act in the best interest of children (Feeney & Freeman, 2019).

Analysis of Biblical Role in Secular and/or Christian Educational Institutions

The role of a Biblical worldview in education is to guide values such as respect, honesty, kindness, and care for others. Even in a secular classroom, teachers can model these values without directly using religious language. I believe that educators can create a positive and respectful environment by teaching children to treat others with fairness and kindness. These values support children's social and emotional development and help them become responsible individuals. In both secular and Christian settings, these principles help guide teaching practices and build strong relationships in the classroom.

Closing Thoughts

In conclusion, my philosophy of education focuses on supporting the whole child through relationships, play, and meaningful experiences. I believe that teachers play an important role in guiding children's learning and development while building strong partnerships with families. My personal and professional experiences have helped shape my teaching beliefs and strengthened my commitment to early childhood education. Research shows that active and meaningful learning experiences support children's development and engagement (Lee et al., 2018). I will continue to grow as an educator and provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment for all children.

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