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### Philosophy Statement

My philosophy for my future, as a teacher, is to care for all the students that will ever walk into the school, especially those who enter my classroom. Not only do I have the aspirations of caring for them while they are in my class but in their futures as well; it is such a beautiful thing when students come back to visit, whatever the situation may be, because the teachers had such a great affect on his/her life. I will utilize my philosophy in order to succeed in my mission of having a classroom with an environment that is positive and enriching so the students may truly learn the material that is being presented to them.

When students feel comfortable, safe, and cared for they are more apt to engage and participate in the activities and lessons, which will eventually lead to success in the class. Success of the students in my class is important to my philosophy; since students have more motivation to learn when they are comfortable I am focused on putting this into place.

Research states that a simple personal greeting as students enter the classroom makes them feel comfortable and cared for. I plan to implement this into my career everyday, I will take a couple minutes to simply greet my students. Another aspect students need in order to feel comfortable is the freedom to communicate and voice their opinions or emotions. This is a harder thing to grasp as some students are not always wanting to share these things, but I will always make it known that they are open to talk to me if they feel like it. This also goes along with confrontations within the classroom; I will resolve the issues as they arise, no student should ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable because of others. Children need to feel loved each and

every day and it needs to be shown to them; I want to do this. I want to make a difference in these young people's lives.