

Teacher Mission Statement

A worksheet to help write yours

What is a teacher mission statement?

A mission statement is a sentence or short paragraph that explains, in simple and concise terms, your purpose as a teacher. Mission statements are highly personal. They reflect your thinking about your own motivations and goals. They also may specify who, what, and how you teach.

What do you do best as a teacher?

What makes you feel good—and successful—as an educator?

Why do you teach? What are your long-term career goals?

Try It!

Try combining ideas from your answers to questions 1–3 into a single statement or short paragraph. See examples for inspiration.

Examples

I inspire and grow readers by helping students discover books they love and creating a classroom where books are tools for understanding our lives and the lives of others.

It's my mission to support students in becoming critical thinkers by demonstrating how to listen, question, and summarize "facts"—and use words to effect change when necessary.

I teach so that kids like I was know that they belong in school and can be successful in academics and life. I achieve this by being my authentic self in the classroom, nurturing curiosity and risk taking, and sharing my passions for math, sports, and music.