

Student Teaching Writing Sample

You as an Educator: Past, Present, and Future

The following guidelines will help you describe yourself professionally to the school districts in which you may be placed for student teaching. Before you begin writing reflect on what experiences, events, and people shaped your life, your thinking, and your desire to enter the field of education. What qualities do you have that will make you an exceptional teacher in your chosen grade level or subject area.

This three paragraph Writing Sample should be 1 – 1½ page length. The quality of your writing should reflect your college education. Mistakes, misspellings, and grammatical errors are not acceptable. Well written and thoughtfully written work is required by the Student Teaching Department, your Student Teaching Coordinator, the school districts who review your paperwork, and your future cooperating teacher.

Writing Samples which have not been proofread carefully, which are poorly written, which are not presented professionally, or do not reflect a positive teacher disposition will be returned for rewriting.

Use the following guidelines for writing your Student Teaching Writing Sample:

Past

1. Explain your decision to pursue a career in education:
 - Influential people
 - Activities, travel
 - Personal Experiences (reflected positively)
 - Employment experiences

Present

2. What qualities are you bringing to the classroom:
 - Character
 - Personality/Dispositions
 - Skills/talents
 - Academic strengths

Future

3. Explain how you see your role as an educator:
 - Philosophy of Education
 - Role of education in today's world
 - Students as diverse learners

This document will represent you to the school districts in which a student teaching placement may be pursued. They will make decisions about your future, projected ability, and acceptability as a candidate for a student teaching placement. These decisions will be made based upon what you write and how you write.

Proofread for:

- Sentence structure
- Spelling
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Clarity of thought/focus
- Organization of ideas
- Neatness
- Use of correct English
- Neatness

Student teaching is your professional semester, the culmination of your college education. Your Writing Sample should be professionally written and reflect who you are and what you offer to teaching. This Writing Sample is a very important component of your student teaching paperwork. It does affect your acceptance in a district/school as a student teacher.