Recommended Format for an Educational Philosophy

Philosophy of Education
Name
Date

The first paragraph should have a catchy beginning and should briefly describe your top 3 beliefs about teaching and learning.

Example from a music teacher:

Music educators should strive to maintain a consistent open-minded approach and respect for each child's musical interests. Music education, in many instances, can be the single most influential factor in contributing to positive, rewarding lives. It builds creative thinking skills that are so important for problem solving. Self-esteem, which is so crucial to a child's development, could be established solely upon opportunities to learn how to play a musical instrument, or even the simple process of singing a song within a group. Encouragement should not be limited to "gifted' children. Everyone should have opportunities for exposure to the many benefits which music education offers.

The next few paragraphs should address your values and knowledge related to the Performance Based Standards for Colorado Educators.

- Standards and Assessment
- Literacy, Mathematics, Content, and Technology
- Instructional and Classroom Management including Individualized Instruction
- Knowledge of Democracy and Educational Governance

Example statement related to technology:

Technology is an integral part of today's classroom. Teachers not only need to be trained and prepared to use technology and incorporate it into their instruction, but they must also be willing to teach technology skills to their students as preparation for tomorrow's job market.

The final concluding paragraph should bring closure to your philosophy synthesizing your values as they relate to the content standards.