

## THE PHILOSOPHIES WE LIVE BY

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We aim to develop our students holistically; to scrutinize every aspect in order to attain our ultimate goal. The philosophical foundation of education focuses more on values, beliefs, and attitudes for the development and growth of students and society. These principles are based on our assumptions about our definition of learning, our views on the purpose of education, the nature of the curriculum and instructional process, and the role of the teacher and the learner.

Often, we tend to perceive perfection; we are too visionary in the things we do. This is idealism; education should focus on the moral, spiritual, and mental aspects of human beings. The truth and values are absolute, timeless, and universal. Abstract thinking is developed in Mathematics while moral and culture is developed in history and literature. Not only this, a conception of objects as something that is real, having a cause-effect relationship and practical values. This is frequently observed; to learn something, the students must act on it. This is the view of pragmatists. Learning occurs when students are engaged in problem-solving. On "what to think critically" is the main subject.

Moreover, existentialism develops authentic individuals who exercise freedom of choice and take responsibility for their actions. Students are tasked to become independent, disciplined, set challenges, and solve issues. To decide what to teach, how to teach it, how students learn it, and how to evaluate learning results, must be the main objective of the teacher. These are just some evident philosophies applied in everyday

teaching. Philosophies such as Realism, Essentialism, and Social Reconstructionism are also used and can be observed in classrooms entwined with other philosophies.

Admit it or not, we often use a little of each philosophy in our daily discussions. In a nutshell, the Philosophy of Education is thoroughly integrated into our educational system. It helps us develop our students into the best person they can be through the skills and knowledge they learn.

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