

Writing a Personal Position Statement

Given all the information you have gained in your research, determine how you feel about the issue. What is the specific problem? How does the issue or problem affect you and your peers, community, school or district, etc?

Use the following format to organize your ideas and write your notes. Word process the completed draft of your position statement.

Position Statement Format

In a position statement you will choose a side of the argument, an issue or position and defend it with specific evidence.

Step 1: Identify the problem(s):

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Step 2: Choose your side and explain your opinion in two or three sentences. For instance, will a proposed change solve the problem or not? Why do you feel this way? This will provide the basis of your thesis or opening statement.

My position (am I for or against?):
Explanation (because?)

Step 3: Providing evidence to support your ideas. Your position can be based on personal opinion, but it must be supported with specific evidence and examples from your research. Use at least 3 pieces of evidence to indicate a good understanding of the topic and your opinion, and why your position is valid.

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Step 4: If there is a problem to be solved, **provide a possible solution** and explain why you think your solution would work.

Solution to the problem:
Why I think it would work:

