

## **experiential education** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Type of Speech:**

noun <sup>[2]</sup>

### **Definition:**

Instructional approach based on the idea that ideal learning occurs through experience. Learning tasks require the active participation of the student in hands-on opportunities and must connect content to the student's life.

### **Additional Information:**

Educational philosopher John Dewey is often credited with the emergence of experiential education opportunities in schools. Dewey believed that students learn best by being active in guided activities in school, activities that draw on past experiences and create new ones. Experiential opportunities include activity-oriented group projects, outdoor activities, field trips, and internships.

### ***For further explanation:***

Experiential Learning & Experiential Education <sup>[3]</sup> by James Neill offers "philosophy, theory, research & evaluation" on experiential education.

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