Summary of the Teaching of Philosophy in the Marshall Islands

Philosophy in the National goals of Education
The goal of education in the Marshall Island according to the Education Act of 1991 is “to prepare children of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to become self-reliant individuals and to function socially, politically and economically in society.”

During the 2008 ‘Rethinking Education in the Marshall Islands’ conference the participants agreed upon the purpose of Marshallese education and upon a set of values that are relevant to the Marshallese context and its education.

The agreed upon purpose of education is “to guide the survival, transformation and sustainability of Marshallese People and Society, with its outcome measured in terms of values, performance and appropriate skills and behaviors in multiple contexts in which they have to live.”

The values are:
- Iakwe
- Respect (kauteej doon)
- Caring (jimdoon)
- Sharing (jake jõbõl eo)
- Sacrifice/Commitment (jab watõk/kijenmej)
- Positive attitude (Emman bõro)

Population: 56,000 (2007)
Gross Enrolment Ratio
- Primary: 93% (2007 estimate)
- Secondary: 66% (2007 estimate)

Percentage of GDP invested in education: 12.3% (2004 estimate)
Percentage of government expenditure invested in education: 15.8% (2003)
Compulsory Education: 6-14 years old
• Motivation (itok limo)
• Confidence (leke make)
• Ability to communicate (jela tilmaake melele)
• Commitment to lifelong learning (jibadrek jelalokjen ilo ejelok jemlokin)
• Work ethic

**Primary education**
Not available at this moment.

**Assessment**
Not available at this moment.

**Case studies of philosophy teaching in primary schools:** Identified courses called “philosophy” in schools
Not available at this moment.

**Secondary education**
Not available at this moment.

**Assessment**
Not available at this moment.

**Case studies of philosophy teaching in secondary schools:** Identified courses called “philosophy” in schools
Not available at this moment.

**Case studies of philosophy teaching in secondary schools:** Philosophy related teaching in schools
Not available at this moment.
Identified programmes to provide teaching materials in philosophy
Not available at this moment.

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http://www.ibe.unesco.org/
http://www.unesco.org/education/wef/countryreports/marshalls/rapport_1.html
http://www.yokwe.net/ (for news and information about the Marshall Islands)

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