



Central Bucks High School-West

June, 2015

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Alexandra Davis. Alex was a Social Studies teacher and class advisor in the Central Bucks School District in suburban Philadelphia from 2013--2015. I hope this letter serves as a testament to this innovative, energetic, and caring teacher.

I was always impressed by Alex's innovative lessons when I conducted formal classroom observations. She included a variety of activities in her lessons and was eager to try new instructional approaches. As a result, her students were highly engaged in her classes. She used station activities and realia extensively. She infused art in her teaching by having students react and connect with visual works and create comic strips to explain historical events. She focused on high-quality questioning and began to implement Socratic Seminars. Finally, she implemented elements of the Layered Curriculum instructional model which harnesses the power of assignment choice to increase levels of student engagement and performance.

Alex brings a high level of energy to the classroom and the school. It is evident that she spends a considerable amount of time preparing her lessons and instructional materials. Her unit plans are well-organized and her lesson plans are detailed. She includes a written reflection of each lesson in her unit plan. She also spends a considerable amount of time serving as class advisor. The role of class advisor is an important one in our school and Alex took it on as a first year teacher. She quickly familiarized herself with the expectations and began to add her own personal touch to the job.

Alex is a caring teacher who demonstrates a high level of concern for her students. She spends considerable time getting to know her students. In fact, her lesson plan binders contain student information cards and student interest surveys that allow her to match lesson activities to student interests and learning styles. She also maintains a parent contact log which documents a high level of parent contact. Finally, she conferences with each student after every test, giving feedback beyond test corrections and exam scores.

I was saddened when Alex informed me that she was leaving our school and relocating to another state. However, I am heartened to know that she will continue to share her talents with students in another state. It is without hesitation that I recommend Alexandra Davis for a teaching position in your school. You will find her to be a remarkable young woman who brings to her classroom innovation, a high level of energy, and a great deal of concern for her students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian D. Caughie".

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