

To Whom it may Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Michelle Fairley. I have had the opportunity to work with Michelle, a seventh grade general education Social Studies and reading remediation teacher, in my capacity as a middle school teacher consultant since September 2010. I always had great confidence that my students with special needs would do well in Michelle's classes due to her talent for scaffolding information, provision of accommodations as required by an Individualized Education Program (IEP), her ability to adapt information to meet a learner's needs, her skill at identifying the academic and social-emotional needs of her students, and her open communication style when discussing students of concern to her.

Michelle's classroom is exceptionally organized and expectations, for both academic and behaviors, are clearly set for her students. She has a well-developed understanding of the curriculum and uses this to plan and instruct, making adjustments as needed if students need additional review of more challenging concepts. In addition to the bookwork, hands-on projects are assigned to help the information become more meaningful for the children. Michelle is observant and understands the needs of the whole child. I am always impressed when I ask for information on students to add to an IEP as her informational is on-target. This is a result of Michelle being able to easily connect with her students.

Michelle is a dedicated teacher who cares that her students learn and grow, both academically and as young people. She is organized, knowledgeable and has great communication skills. I highly recommend her for a teaching position in your district.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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