

## FLEETWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of having Alicia Glenn in my classroom for her student teaching second placement. She spent nine weeks with me at two different levels, elementary and middle school, and taught all the students from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Alicia has shown me she is prepared and ready to have her own classroom. She is eager to communicate with students, motivated to design new projects and writing prompts, and is always keeping materials and the room tidy and well kept.

As a teacher, Alicia demonstrates well written lesson plans that are thorough, descriptive, and motivating. She plans lessons at the middle school level that relate to the students and helping them develop as artists as well as human beings. Her elementary lessons are engaging and fun as she incorporates nature and taking her art classes outside, which the students enjoyed. In addition to planning and executing her lessons, Alicia is flexible at handling glitches and concerns in the art room, such as schedule changes, absent students, and anything else that might go awry.

Her lessons included discussions about art and artists, critiques between students and their works in progress, and reflections to conclude and wrap up the big ideas of the projects. Throughout the entirety of a project, Alicia is walking around, answering and asking questions, giving feedback and pointers for more successful projects. In addition to all the art making and discussion, she is always watching the clock to ensure students have enough time to get cleaned up and organized for their next class or to go back to their classroom teacher. She maintains behavior in the classroom at both levels and includes positive interactions with each student every class. Both of these are important to build student confidence and trust from teacher to student so students can feel comfortable to make the best art they can.

Alicia is always professional, happy, and motivated. She helped with the daily duties of being a teacher such as recess duty, arrival duty, and dismissal duty. In the art room, she fully took over my classes and taught all day every day for the majority of her time with me. The students loved her and were excited when she was in the room and asking for her if she had to leave to go to practicum.

Any school district will be happy they took Alicia in as their art teacher. She is hardworking, inspiring, dedicated, and willing to learn and grow. Her lessons are engaging and the students enjoyed having her in the room. She is a great teammate to any level of art education.

Sincerely,

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