

September 25, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I was privileged to be Ashley Warner's cooperating teacher for her student teaching assignment during the first half of her fall semester. Ashley completed 9 weeks of student teaching in seventh and eighth grade art under my supervision. During this time she taught two units of visual arts incorporating a variety of medium, and projects for all skill levels.

During Ashley's student teaching experience, she was highly motivated to learn as much as she could and perform to her best capabilities. She developed appropriate and professional lesson plans and monitored student progress. She was eager for feedback on a daily basis and accepted constructive criticism with maturity.

Ashley has several strengths, one being the ability to motivate students. She was always sincerely interested in her student's progress and encouraged them to try their best in every activity. Ashley made her students feel that she genuinely cared about them. She presented new material in a way that captured their attention. For example, she had them take one of the portrait drawings they did for a previous lesson and had them add colored and patterned duct tape to them, using a specific style of art to embellish their art work. Ashley consistently displayed this type of creativity in planning lessons and motivating students. She quickly learned that the best way to manage a classroom is to keep students on-task with projects that were both interesting and challenging, as well as being able to redirect challenging student behavior. She also did a great job of recognizing when a student needed special assistance or attention and sought additional resources, and asked for input whenever needed.

In summary, Ashley displayed the qualities that make a teacher successful. She is dependable, motivated, and in tune with the needs of her students. She is very professional and works well with colleagues and administration and is able to learn from those around her. I highly recommend her for a teaching position.

Sincerely,

Lanita Southard

Junior High Art/Yearbook Instructor

**December 1, 2015**

**To whom it may concern,**

**I would like to recommend Ashley Warner as a potential art teacher. I was her supervising teacher for seven weeks during her senior year of college. Even though she had thought she would prefer to teach older students art, she did a great job fitting into my elementary setting, teaching students from kindergarten level up to fourth grade.**

**It was a unique teaching experience in that I already had a set curriculum so Ashley had to teach my lessons. She was very cooperative and enthusiastic about doing so and adapted very well to the situation, which I appreciated.**

**Ashley is very responsible and dependable. She is motivated and willing to go the extra mile to do a good job. She is a hard worker and conducts herself in a professional manner. She is very knowledgeable in the art field both in content and practices.**

**Ashley related well with my students and enjoyed working with them. She will be an asset to any school.**

**Sincerely,  
Leslie Clark,  
Webb City School District**