

John Wayland Elementary School  
801 N. Main Street  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to recommend Sarah Miller for a teaching position in your school district.

I served as Ms. Miller's cooperating teacher during the fall semester of her practicum placement and also during her entire spring semester student teaching placement. During both her practicum and student teaching time, Ms. Miller taught lessons based on the essential knowledge from the Virginia state Standards of Learning in the subjects of Math and Virginia Studies. I found her knowledge of planning to be exceptional. She fully understood the many components of a lesson plan and the reasons for incorporating each part. Ms. Miller always came into class well prepared to teach and execute her lessons. Her rapport with the students was also very effective. While she worked to understand each student's needs, she also worked to adjust her teaching to meet those needs as they changed from day to day.

Ms. Miller was always prepared for each and every day in the classroom. She learned how to manage the day and to guide students from one lesson to another. She was able to prepare for lessons in two subject areas each and every day. Her emphasis on the learning of students is exceptional! Ms. Miller was a great collaborator in the classroom as she worked with the other 5<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher and resource teachers to reach the needs of all of our students. She attended faculty meetings, team meetings, parent conferences, and field trips.

Ms. Miller's positive attitude, energy, and relationship with students and fellow teachers are what impressed me the most during her weeks in my classroom. Administrators and fellow teachers found her to be very approachable and a team player. Many comments were made about how easy she is to work with. The students looked to her if they needed someone to talk to and respected her as an adult, teacher, and authoritarian.

I believe that Ms. Miller has the knowledge, skills, and desire to be an outstanding teacher in your school district. At this point of her professional career, she has demonstrated that she is a competent beginning teacher. She was definitely an asset to our school and faculty for the time she was with us. Please contact me if you feel that I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ashley Bowman