



**VALLEY SOUTHWOODS**  
FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to recommend Madeline for employment as a teacher in your school. What distinguishes Madeline is that she is kind-hearted along with being a natural at respecting students while setting high expectations for them. She employs a variety of teaching strategies to ensure that every student can meet her high expectations, but if a specific student falls short and needs re-teaching or modifications made for them, Madeline graciously and effectively does that while making that student feel successful.

She is capable, confident, adaptable, kind, and is ready to hit the road running.

Madeline served as my student teacher from March 24, 2014 until May 9, 2014 at Valley Southwoods Freshman High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, and taught four classes of on-level freshman English and one class of small group tutoring and mentoring, with a total student load of 125. Amazingly, Madeline had all the students' names learned in the first week of her placement, and I felt that she took the time to get to know and respect each of those students.

During her time at our school, Madeline consistently demonstrated herself to be capable at planning, implementing, and managing many layers of instruction that lead to student success. Her planning and instruction were intentional, based on pre and mid assessments, and demonstrated not only knowledge of the subject, but the ability to teach in a way that engaged and challenged students.

In addition to being capable and confident in the classroom, Madeline was also quick to adapt when instruction and events required flexibility. Throughout each day, Madeline would revise lesson content and teaching strategies as needed to improve quality of learning and meet the various needs of students. She impressed me with her ability to think quickly, to receive feedback graciously, and to see areas for improvement on her own.

Finally, I recommend Madeline for hire in your school because she is positive, down-to-earth, and easy to get along with. She will make an excellent addition to your staff, as well as to the lives of the students she serves. In hiring Madeline, you will gain a teacher who is not only a master of her content area, but, more importantly, is someone who understands and respects the students she teaches. I heartily recommend her to a teaching position in your school!

Thank you for your consideration,

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