

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MIKAYLA CRAWFORD
OCTOBER 2021

Mikayla Crawford is a senior at Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania and completing her student teaching assignment in a second grade classroom at the Shaull Elementary School in the Cumberland Valley (PA) School District. This assignment has enabled Mikayla to gain experience in lesson planning and implementation, communicating with families, managing a classroom of 20 children, and creating and utilizing her own and the district's assessments.

I have observed Mikayla on three occasions: working with individual students, groups of varying sizes, and an entire classroom. She has taught language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science during this assignment.

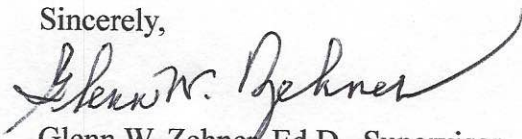
Mikayla has a friendly personality that enables her relate to all students, no matter their abilities or interests. She is well organized, creative, and consistently presents a very positive approach to learning, one that encourages each child to push himself/herself to do better. She monitors her students very closely and uses the data obtained from close observation, as well as from formative and summative assessments, to guide the instruction. Mikayla is a patient, caring, and reflective teacher, and she is always willing to go the extra mile to promote learning by her students. She has improved in her ability to anticipate what might happen during the course of a lesson and adjust instruction as needed. She always maintains her focus on the objective of the lesson with determination.

Mikayla's cooperating teacher, Mrs. Marni Sibbitt has been pleased with Mikayla's progress. Her cooperating teacher and I have witnessed Mikayla dealing with some challenging situations with tact and diplomacy. She has participated in faculty meetings, parent conferences, and professional development programs offered by the school, the Cumberland Valley School District, and Eastern University.

Upon completion of her student teaching experience, Mikayla will be graduating in December 2021 with a BS degree in Early Childhood Education. She has maintained an outstanding grade point average of 3.79 and has been included in the Leadership Fellows Program, Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Society, and as a Presidential Scholarship Award recipient. She has experience as an assistant teacher in a daycare center, a tutor at Eastern, and as a mission trip volunteer to Africa.

This young lady has an *outstanding* future as an educator. I can see many students benefitting from her passion, experiences, energy, and her array of teaching, technological, and behavioral strategies, as well as her commitment to assure each student's success in the classroom. Please feel free to call or email any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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