



BLUE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Doug Conklin was a student teacher in my tenth and eleventh grade classes at Blue Mountain High School for eight weeks. Doug was responsible for teaching two sections of 10th grade College Preparatory English II, two sections of 10th grade STC English II, one section of 10th grade Applied English II, and one section of 11th grade College Preparatory English III

Mr. Conklin had the experience of teaching one chapter of grammar and *Julius Caesar* in CP English II for eight weeks. During this time he successfully planned and implemented the daily homework, weekly quizzes and unit tests. Doug successfully demonstrated his awareness of a plethora of different learning styles and sufficiently created and adapted assignments to meet the various needs of students. His lessons and units were meticulously prepared and implemented. He was successful in monitoring and adjusting to various schedule changes in order to complete it during his time of teaching.

Doug's experience in CP English III included teaching a unit on transcendentalism, which involved teaching a diverse list of writers. He completed this unit using our *Adventures in Appreciation* text book series and developed his own activities, which included a project showing forms of transcendentalism in modern and classical music. Mr. Conklin also spent three weeks teaching the novel *The Scarlet Letter*. This unit included writing chapter summaries, a critical analysis, and a unit test. He also taught the writing process in regards to writing thesis statements and taught a lesson on how to write a concise thesis statement.

Doug possesses a positive and passionate personality. He has a great rapport with the students he has worked with. He is very professional in dress attire, articulate, and always ready with a smile and a nice word. I have found that other team members have accepted her as a strong working member of our team and he has had a positive working relationship with each one of them, as well as with other staff members.

I am confident that Mr. Douglas Conklin will be an asset to any staff he works with. He is confident, knowledgeable, and has the skills of a seasoned teacher. I believe that he will continue to grow and become even more effective as a teacher with further opportunities. Please feel free to contact me for more information regarding this recommendation at nrmarrongelle@bmsd.org. It was my distinct pleasure writing this recommendation letter for this teaching candidate.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Marrongelle