



Faculty of Education

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Jen Rempel. Her placement was in a junior-senior high school in Magrath, Alberta. As the University Consultant for Ms. Rempel's PS11 practicum, I had the opportunity to observe her teaching art classes at a variety of grade levels—Graphic Arts 8, Art 7, Art 8, and Art 10-20-30.

Ms. Rempel has numerous strengths, one of which is her content knowledge. Her lessons were consistently well-planned, well-paced and appropriately sequenced. To begin each class, she posted and reviewed the daily agenda and expectations for progress of ongoing projects. She consistently provided step by step directions, as well as examples of work to demonstrate the concepts and/ or projects. Throughout the practicum, students created individual sketchbooks, video commercials, sculptures, and drawings. They participated in gallery walks and constructively critiqued the work of their peers. Assessment included summative and formative strategies, using rubrics, exit slips, and conferencing. Her lessons integrated technology through the use of power point presentations and video clips.

Although Ms. Rempel is naturally soft-spoken, I observed that she was able to build very positive relationships with her students. She exhibits genuine care and concern for them and strives to make art relevant and interesting. In doing so, she creates a learning environment where each student is respected and encouraged to develop their individual talents. Ms. Rempel is reflective and very open to suggestions to improve her practice, and therefore demonstrated consistent growth throughout the practicum.

I feel Ms. Rempel would be an excellent addition to your staff with her positive attitude and dedication to the profession and to her students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hierath".

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