

Letter of Interest

To whom it may concern:

I have been passionate and excited to become a classroom teacher since I began high school. Over the years, I have been able to be in a variety of classrooms where I have developed strong communication skills, learned how to effectively differentiate, and the importance of being a lifelong learner. I believe these attributes would be a valuable addition to your team. I will be graduating from Duquesne University in May 2024 with honors. The time I have spent studying at Duquesne University has solidified my decision to be a teacher. The professors I have had the opportunity to work with have given me the tools I need to be a reflective and impactful educator to young students. While being a full-time student, I have also worked as a paraprofessional substitute at West Allegheny School District. I spent many times during my summer and winter breaks in the Emotional Support classroom in McKee Elementary School. This opportunity has helped me develop a deeper sense of empathy and understanding for the diverse learners that are in any and all schools. My experience while student teaching has helped me understand my teaching style and what I value in a classroom. I believe that I have been most effective in my teaching methods when I am implementing student-centered learning strategies. This adds a sense of flexibility to my classroom that I value and believe is effective for all learners. I prioritize building a respectful and welcoming classroom environment and did so effectively while student teaching. This allowed me to truly understand each of my students so I could better serve them as an educator. My time during student teaching exposed me to the rich curriculum that Core Knowledge Language Arts, or CKLA, can provide. I have seen first-hand how influential this program can be to students and am passionate about continuing to teach young learners through CKLA. I had the privilege to pilot this curriculum with my host teacher and saw how impactful both the Skills and Knowledge components are to a child's education. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to speaking with you about this position. I am available over email or my phone to answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes,

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