



# Blue Valley School



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## To Whom It May Concern

It is my honor and pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Ms. Sarah Cornelius as a teacher and EdTech coordinator. As Elementary Academic Director of Blue Valley School, I was favored to have Sarah on the teaching team.

Ms. Cornelius started working for Blue Valley in 2017, and she brought excellent leadership and contributions to her colleagues and to the entire community. She carried with her a solid training in instructional methods and technology, along with great enthusiasm. Sarah provided support in the use of the digital platforms that backed up math, science, and reading programs (PearsonRealize, ThinkCentral, Starfall, A-Z Learning). She introduced several new projects that are now part of the curriculum such as the use of iPads for all levels, several applications for the teachers to use in class, several programs to identify, measure, and improve students' reading comprehension level, and others. She coordinated the elementary robotics program and taught Robotics and Coding during after school clubs. This year, she became a member of the ACE Learning (NEASC) and School Events and Celebrations committees.

Ms. Cornelius offered continuous training to her colleagues, working with the whole school faculty, and other times individually with teachers and students during her prep time and even after school hours. Sarah attended weekly curriculum meetings (following her own initiative) to know and understand the teachers' needs to carry out the programs. She visited the classes to offer direct support to teachers and thus, followed-up on the application of the techniques. Sarah went out of her way to accompany the class during skype conference times for which she had set up the equipment and stayed to enhance the online meetings. She often went out of her way to elicit feedback from her students, inviting them to share their experiences when they used a new strategy. In addition to this, she took advantage of several professional development opportunities offered in and out of school over the last year.

Ms. Cornelius got along well with members of the community. At times, she even went along with classes on field trips to get to know more about the country and its people. This way, Sarah got to know the students socially which helped to develop an important relationship with them.

Sarah always impressed me with her collaboration with her administrators. It is all this commitment to growth and to the community's well-being that makes Ms. Cornelius an outstanding educator who inspires her pupils and their teachers.

Ms. Cornelius has my highest recommendation for the position of EdTech teacher and coordinator, and I am sure I will continue to learn more about the accomplishments that lie in her professional future.

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