

To Whom It May Concern:

Reference for Sarah Kangas

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Sarah Kangas for a teaching position. You will not find a better candidate. She would be a tremendous asset in any educational setting because of her knowledge, enthusiasm, and leadership.

I have had the pleasure of working with Sarah for the past two years at Warrenton Grade School. Sarah and I are two of three lead Physical Education Teachers at our school. As the Middle School Athletic Director, I have had the privilege of getting to know Sarah as a coach of the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams. In both roles Sarah is exceptional.

As a teacher, I have observed Sarah as someone who has big ideas and goals for her classes. One goal that she accomplished last year was helping the school to find and install a rock climbing wall that would challenge our students from grades K through 8. Sarah has nicknamed the wall "Rocky" and her students are thrilled to have the opportunity to experience what it might be like to go rock climbing with their teacher Ms. Kangas. There is no doubt that her students admire and look up to her. She has set the bar high in the adventure world after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Sarah allowed the entire school to be a part of her journey when she held a special assembly to share her story and pictures. The students cannot get enough of her adventurous spirit and you can see how much she motivates them to get outside and get moving.

As the AD, working with Sarah "the coach" is a delight. She is always one step ahead of the game. She manages close to 70 students on her Middle School Track Team and she does it with a huge smile on her face. I admire how calm, cool and collected she is in chaotic situations. Sarah is someone who is willing to put in the time and work to improve her teaching and coaching skills. A few weeks ago Sarah gave up one of her weekends to attend a Track and Field Conference. She came back energized and inspired. She has a ton of new ideas and plans for training and she can't wait to get started. Her energy is contagious and it is evident when you watch her working with her athletes and students.

Sarah has many talents and she is only at the beginning stages of touching upon them. I am excited to see what Sarah will do in her future. Any program would be lucky to have her. I know it is a privilege and a joy to work with her here at Warrenton Grade School. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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