



Central Intermediate
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"Greatness is the path we travel!"

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to Mr. Jason Arant. Mr. Arant has taught under my supervision for more than a year, working at Bixby's Central Intermediate first as a science teacher and now as a math teacher in the sixth grade. Mr. Arant has been a faithful and diligent employee for BPS, often spending time on the weekends working at school. He has children that attend Bixby Public Schools as well.

If I had to sum up Mr. Arant's teaching style in one word, I would say innovative. His students love his classroom and as a result are learning to love math. As a former math teacher myself, I highly enjoy sitting in his classroom watching him teach. His strategies reach all of the students in his classroom and I can honestly say I've never seen a student who was not engaged in Mr. Arant's lesson. He challenges students to think on a higher level, often "challenging" them with difficult questions that require a much higher level of thinking. His students are achieving at a higher level this year as a result and I have no doubt they will soar on the OCCT's this year.

Mr. Arant has brought to our building a positive attitude and demeanor that is contagious among his peers. He has provided professional development training of his own design for our staff, and he continues to seek out other learning opportunities for himself and our staff. He is currently working to design a math lab in our building, one that is similar to our science lab with hands on manipulatives and strategies for teaching math to our students in a way that will reach all learners.

It is without trepidation that I recommend Mr. Jason Arant to any position within Bixby Public Schools as he is a great asset to our district. My only hesitation is that I would truly hate to see him leave Central Intermediate, yet I appreciate his desire to grow within his career. Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brenda S. Shaw
Principal

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