

# JACK COCKRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to write a letter of recommendation for Jason Arant.

Jason is an awesome math teacher. He teaches kids in a way that makes math fun and enjoyable. He uses real life examples to make math meaningful, and he does magic tricks to engage his students. Jason builds relationships with his students so they know how much he cares about them and their success.

Each nine weeks we allow students to nominate teachers for the Teacher of the Nine Weeks award, and this is some of what one of Mr. Arant's students wrote: "Every day when I come from basketball practice, I rush through the jam-packed hallways to get to my seat to learn something magnificent, something exciting. He is the best because he relates everything back to us and to modern times...Mr. Arant reminds me of Ron Clark. He is the teacher that you want to keep in touch with and invite to your wedding ten years later."

Jason is a team player and will do whatever it takes to get the job done. He is easy to work with and always has a positive attitude. Jason has a strong work ethic and shows up to work every day ready to go.

Jason also attends the school dances and dances with the students. He participates in the pep rallies and gets the kids excited. He recently dressed as "Turbo" and engaged in a dance contest with the students. The kids went wild—and so did the teachers! Talk about going above and beyond.

I have been an administrator for eleven years and can honestly say that Jason is one of my best hires ever. Although I would hate to lose him, he would be a true asset to your school. If I can provide further information, please call me at 469-446-3820.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melinda DeFelice".

Melinda DeFelice, Ed.D.  
Principal