

# Justina Road Elementary

Jaguars Prowl the World  
An International Baccalaureate  
Primary Years Program Candidate School



To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend Matthew Broughton as a candidate for a teaching position at your international school. Matt has taught a third grade class at Justina Road Elementary school for the last year. During that time, I have served as his co-teacher and his mentor. I am in his classroom daily, co-teaching during reading and math, as well as providing extra support for his special education students.

Justina is an International Baccalaureate PYP school. Matt has attended IB training, planned IB units for his grade level community, and taught the lessons from all of the themes. He is currently orchestrating a school-wide recycling effort as part of a community IB project.

Matt is the technology expert for our school. He makes himself available to instruct faculty on technological needs, as well as keep their computers, printers, etc. functioning in order for students and teachers to be able to use them on a continual, consistent basis. Matt has designed our school's webpage and has recently been chosen to begin a model technology classroom in our school.

In his classroom, Matt uses technology to design individualized lessons for his students which permits him to bring reading, math and science lessons alive for them. His students use computers in his classroom and the computer lab daily with prescriptive lessons based on extensive data. In addition, he and his students use the Elmo projector daily along with video cameras, and any other piece of equipment that might be used to motivate and instruct a student in his class.

Matt teaches in an Inclusion setting with a significant percent of his students receiving special education services. Matt is patient, flexible, structured and consistent with these students. He uses extensive data to pinpoint their strengths and areas of need. He then plans and delivers differentiated instruction based on these needs. He has developed an in-depth behavior system which consistently rewards positive choices, provides specific parent feedback on a daily basis, and motivates students to make those appropriate academic and behavioral choices.

Matt is also involved within the school community. He teaches Saturday School for several hours each week in order to assist students in need of extra instruction. He participates in after-school tutoring two days each week. He is dedicated to providing consistent, positive communication to his students' families. He frequently takes his students on outings on weekends or after school. Matt works very cooperatively with his grade-level community, as well as the staff, in general. He is always the first to volunteer for a faculty endeavor. He has helped to organize faculty meetings as well as outside social events.

Matthew has quickly become a vital part of our faculty community. I would strongly recommend him as an excellent addition to your school.

Sincerely,

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