

South Bay Junior Academy
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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Jonathan Fox for a position at your school. My daughter was in his English class in 2017 to 2018. During the course of that school year my daughter's communication skills really improved. It was a direct result of the way Mr. Fox teaches and communicates.

Mr. Fox is a clear and consistent communicator. From the very start he made it clear what the expectations would be in terms of writing projects and nightly homework. The homework page was always up to date, along with links to sites that could help students complete writing projects with success. His homework was consistent and predictable. He was available for after school appointments when I had questions about my child's progress, and posted grades often and in a timely manner.

His style of teaching is such that students learn to evaluate themselves. For example, when my child presented current events in class he would record her speeches, and then taught her how to evaluate how well she communicated. She was able to use the rubrics he created to see where she needed to grow. He also initiated a spring project that allowed students to showcase their strengths and the ways that they had grown over the course of the year. The act of choosing assignments that reflected her growth naturally encouraged her to see her strengths and areas for future growth.

Mr. Fox demonstrates respect towards his students. For example, whenever he evaluated her journal entries, he wrote encouraging comments when her writing was interesting. He also made helpful comments in areas that needed improvement. He was available to help her and her classmates revise and improve their writing which eventually went into their portfolios. My daughter felt very respected in his class. She noticed that he spoke respectfully to all her classmates, and as a result she felt safe to ask questions, email him, and learn from him.

For all the reasons above, Mr. Jonathan Fox would be a great addition to any school community.

Sincerely,

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