



Whitmore Charter Schools

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"Our family working with your family."

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Dennis Frayne. Mr. Frayne was our K-12th grade music teacher at Whitmore Charter Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. During his time at Whitmore, he taught K-5 music, elementary beginning/advanced strings and band, and middle and high school music tech, band, and choir. He also proposed the addition of an AP Music Theory course, which was recently approved for our site. I was impressed with his instructional instincts and abilities to make connections with students within his lessons. Mr. Frayne takes pride in establishing positive connections with his students and worked daily with students to teach music skills and to prepare for upcoming performances.

Dennis' ability to form relationships and rapport with students and community is evident upon walking into his classroom and during performances. In addition to that, he oversaw all the music and sound for just about every event that took place at Whitmore Charter. Mr. Frayne's talents go much further than teaching music; he was a part of the school's Technology Committee and Fine Arts Team.

Mr. Frayne is an advocate for the arts. He had a clear vision for his program established early on. Mr. Frayne advocated for growing his program and providing additional outside opportunities for all of his students. Mr. Frayne was able to continue the progress that many of our students had made in their musical talent and helped them to experience new levels of success throughout the year. It is evident that Mr. Frayne's instruction has helped students grow in their abilities and confidence to perform on stage.

Our school is very thankful for the expertise that Mr. Frayne offered. Mr. Frayne has taught students how to run the sound and lighting systems, improving our music program to include student led events. In addition to a benefit for us, Mr. Frayne worked with the fine arts team and his knowledge of music were reflective in his practices. He worked closely with the fine arts team to ensure that all the Whitmore Charter School shows and theater productions were well coordinated. I highly recommend Mr. Frayne for any music position he applies to. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 209-556-1610.

Sincerely,

Sarah Olson, Principal