



WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Laurie York spent fifteen weeks student teaching in my sixth grade class. When she arrived, she was very well prepared for her student teaching responsibilities. She did more than was required. She taught an after-school intervention class and has created and taught a unit on diversity. The unit, "Celebrating Diversity," was taught to our entire student body, fifth through eighth grades. Her performance was excellent. Laurie prepared superb lessons in all areas including language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Ms. York's planning was well organized, thorough, and appropriate to pupil needs. Her lessons were interesting, clear, and concise. Laurie's knowledge and implementation of technology enhanced her lessons greatly. She was able to identify the learner's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs. Laurie consistently "went the extra mile" with regards to organizing, planning, and delivery of instruction.

The class that Laurie worked with consisted of 35 sixth grade students in a self-contained classroom. This class contained many individuals who required special attention. Laurie gave them the special attention and more. Ms. York's relations with students demonstrated a mutual respect. She demonstrated a thorough knowledge of discipline and the ability to implement it. Her classroom presence is that of an experienced teacher.

While at our site, administrators, teachers, and parents have been impressed with her ability to work with students and adults under varying conditions. As a new cooperating teacher, I can only hope that my future student teachers will possess the same qualities as Laurie. Ms. York is a dedicated, hard working, and intelligent person. I recommend her without reservation as a teacher. The teaching profession will greatly benefit by adding her to the ranks.

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