

Hill City Elementary School



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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great confidence that I provide this letter of recommendation for Jacqueline Tipton as she seeks a teaching position within your school district. As current Principal of Hill City Elementary School, I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Tipton since 2005. Ms. Tipton has taught art in our school for 17 years. In addition to art classes, she provides a daily ELA intervention session to our struggling learners in kindergarten and first grade. While at Hill City, Ms. Tipton has served multiple years on the leadership team, served as CAMP (**C**omputer, **A**rt, **M**usic, **P**E) chair, and mentored student teachers, along with being selected as Hill City's Teacher of the Year in 2012 and Pickens County Teacher of the Year in 2013.

Ms. Tipton is a creative teacher who serves as a role model for our students and staff. She consistently demonstrates professionalism and competence in teaching and learning. She has taught a diversified array of students including special education, gifted, and at-risk EIP students in multiple grade levels. Ms. Tipton works well with co-workers and administrators to continually seek self and school improvement opportunities. She participates in ongoing professional development and implements newly learned content and pedagogy into daily instruction to enhance student creativity, achievement, and growth. Ms. Tipton holds high expectations for all of her students. She creates virtual tutorials and holds live Google meets to ensure her students have multiple opportunities to learn and share their creativity regardless of in-person or virtual learning. Additionally, Ms. Tipton builds positive relationships with students and their families. Ms. Tipton instills the mindset of "make your mistakes work" in the minds of our students that many have told me has followed them into adulthood.

It is evident Ms. Tipton has a passion and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. She cherishes her students and wants them to express themselves and discover their beauty and creativity through art. In addition, peer collaboration, providing a positive classroom environment, and cultivating relationships are particularly notable qualities among her strengths. Ms. Tipton works well with students, parents, faculty, and community stakeholders while maintaining a fair and professional demeanor. I have complete confidence in Ms. Tipton's teaching abilities and professional ethics. She will be a wonderful addition to any school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Halko".

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