

To Whom This May Concern,

It is my honor to recommend Ms. Tia Hulce for the Art position. Tia has been my next-door neighbor, in Elkton, for the last three years.

Ms. Hulce is a very caring, appreciative, and out of the box teacher. She will do anything to help her students succeed. She spends a lot of time planning and preparing lessons that would relate to the students. Tia is also someone who is constantly looking to improve her lessons and classroom management. If something were to happen, she not only talks to her students about what could have done differently but also comes and asks for advice from fellow teachers. She always handles it in the outmost professional manner when it occurs.

Tia also revamped her entire curriculum to be project based for the K-12 students. This allows students to pick a project that relates to them and gets them excited to work. She also has the students doing researching the background on what they are doing, incorporates reading and writing in her lessons, as well as self-critiques/ grading. The students take these seriously when they are grading themselves so she can help them improve their skills.

The final example I would like to share about Ms. Hulce is that she takes the first 10 minutes of class to have individual meetings with each student. During these meetings, the students will tell her what they will work on, ask questions, and get advice on what to improve. These individual meetings allow students to create a connection with her as well as get individualized help on their projects.

Ms. Hulce gets students excited for art, even if they may not be the best at it. Students are always looking forward to her class and the relationships both her and the students have gained over the years is inspiring. She is a great co-worker to collaborate with and is always willing to help whenever you need it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kayla Stuefen".

Kayla Stuefen

FACS Teacher at Elkton