

# Valley Grove Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Miss Lexi Callander. Miss Callander was an undergraduate student in my Math Foundations courses at Thiel College. During this time, Miss Callander displayed the qualities of an effective future educator through her professionalism, collaboration, organization, and punctuality.

This course consisted of a series of lesson designs and teaching opportunities, in which the students worked through the planning and preparation of the lesson, as well as teaching the lesson to the rest of the class. Miss Callander created elementary mathematics lessons utilizing both the general lesson format and the guided math routines. Her lessons were well-organized, intentional, differentiated, and contained a variety of instructional strategies.

Miss Callander worked well with the other students in the course, whether it was through an in-class activity or by co-teaching during their lessons. She was a true team player.

Miss Callander also self-reflects during her lesson design and teaching, and she accepted feedback from both her peers and myself with a positive attitude.

The true display of her craft was during our annual Math Night at Greenville Elementary. During this event, the students in my course created math activities and games to play with students in grades K-6. This occurs during the evening on a school night, which also gave Miss Callander the opportunity to interact with children, parents, teachers, administrators and other community members. Her outgoing personality, pleasant and professional demeanor made her stand out in the group.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 814-432-3861 ext. 2911.

Educationally Yours,

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Elementary Assistant Principal