

# Sarah Aylsworth

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Being a life-long athlete and the youngest of 4, I was born with a competitive streak. I always want to be the best and I work hard to succeed at anything I try. I have this same mentality when it comes to education. I always want to be the best at my craft.

Teaching is absolutely the most incredible job in the world, but it can also be filled with tests of patience. My mother single handedly raised four children full of personality while teaching special education full time. Through all of this, my mother made it very clear that while we may be wild, we must never be rude. This upbringing made me one of the lucky few. She handled every bump with grace and perseverance. I strongly believe that my job as an educator, much like my mother, is to not only to educate students within the constraints of my subject matter, but also to educate them to live their life by maintaining the dignity of all they meet.

I believe it is my duty to keep my students engaged, excited and motivated to learn. I utilize multiple techniques to spice up their daily classroom experience. Between games, interactive lessons and projects, student can never predict what will happen from day to day. This kind of unpredictability is exciting. I am also an advocate of group work. My students are frequently tasked with completing assignments with partners or small groups. This allows them the opportunity to check their work and bounce ideas off one another. When disagreements and confusion arise, I avoid giving answers, but rather answer questions with other questions. I believe this technique creates independent thinkers. As a teacher, I am not the expert. I encourage my student to think critically and problem-solve their way out of issues.

Most importantly, I strive to create an environment that is conducive to learning. By fostering a safe and welcoming environment, students are not afraid to take the necessary risks that promote learning. If students do not feel safe, whether it is emotionally, physically, or socially, their defenses go up and learning can take a back seat, if not shut down all together. It is important to me to be viewed as someone with high moral character that always has my student's best interest at heart. Students should not be afraid to be wrong because it is a crucial part of learning. I encourage a family mentality, which encourages taking ownership of not only the physical classroom, but also the students within. While we may have days where we fail, we know there are going to be days in which we can find success.

Finally, I believe I am the last key in a successful classroom. I pride myself on my high energy and fun-loving personality. I believe that humor can go along way and that if you can't enjoy learning, you can't enjoy the life around you.

Given my years of experience and vigor for teaching, I know I would be a great addition to your school.

Sincerely,

Sarah Aylsworth