

1310 S. Sixth Street
Champaign, IL 61820
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Dear School Administrator,

Education is a never-ending journey that continues well beyond formal schooling. As an elementary education student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I make sure to integrate my rigorous classroom instruction with other valuable experiences in order to become a well-rounded, experienced teacher candidate. I would appreciate a student teaching assignment in the spring of 2017 at any local elementary or middle school in order to give back to the thoughtful community I have experienced since beginning my education at the University of Illinois. I am eager to work with culturally and linguistically diverse students as well as students with disabilities and English language learners in order to ensure that every student receives the best education possible.

I value experiences that expose me to unique aspects of the respected field of education. During my sophomore year, I conducted my own research project that evaluated the effectiveness of the choice-based, positive language disciplinary approach utilized at the University Primary School directed by Dr. Alisha Lewis. Dr. Lewis valued my research and utilized my findings in order to supplement in-service professional development for her teachers. Having seen the beneficial impact of this disciplinary approach, I will emphasize fostering compassionate relationships with the students I work with in order to provide them with an encouraging classroom atmosphere. Learning occurs when students feel safe, happy, and respected within the classroom environment, and I will work hard to ensure a classroom culture that values each and every student for what they bring to the classroom.

I currently work as a Lead Teacher at La Petite Academy. This job has provided me with an extensive range of experience related to teaching. I am in charge of children ages six weeks to twelve years old, entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring a safe environment for them to learn and grow as well as providing differentiated instruction that is aligned with the curriculum that La Petite Academy endorses. I demonstrate flexibility and professionalism while teaching in each of the eight classrooms that La Petite offers. Furthermore, I have gained a lot of insight regarding parental communication, and I will be sure to focus on keeping parents informed and involved with their children's education when I am working in the classroom as a student teacher.

As an individual eager to inspire children to learn and succeed, I would be honored to have the opportunity to student teach in your school district. I believe that I have many qualities that will continue to promote your district's achievements. Please feel free to contact me at (123) 456-7890 or student@ill.edu. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Student