

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend Chelsea Keenan for a teaching position in Moderate-Severe Special Education. I have had the pleasure of being Chelsea's classroom lead teacher and master teacher in her credentialing program. I am thrilled that Chelsea has chosen a career in Special Education. I can confidently say that Chelsea will be an excellent teacher.

I am currently a Special Education teacher for San Francisco Unified School District at George Washington High School. I have known Chelsea as a paraprofessional for SFSUD at George Washington High School. She supports Special Education students in general education classes and Special Day Classes. She demonstrates motivation, devotion, and initiative. I have supervised her working with a variety of students, in variety of settings. She works with students in general education classes and off campus in community based instruction. She strives to do excellent job in any all settings.

Chelsea's strong background in working with students is clearly demonstrated. As a classroom teacher, I look to Chelsea for strategies to engage and motivate students who are most impacted by their disability. The students Chelsea works with have made progress in the areas of academics and independence. She challenges students every day to become more independent and to improve their communication skills. In particular, Chelsea has learned to program students Alternative Augmentative Communication devices in order for them to participate more meaningfully in academic and social settings. Chelsea excels in building a strong relationships and bonds with her students. She is able to work well with any student, and accepts the challenge of working with the students with higher needs. She takes the initiative to complete tasks before asked to do so. She also is not afraid to ask questions and make suggestions when appropriate. She is always willing to help and has good instincts. She has a great personality and is a pleasure to have in my classroom.

Sincerely,
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