

Danica Mickelson

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Dear Cooperating Teacher,

I would like to thank you for your consideration to allow me to complete my student teaching experience in your classroom. As a student at Northern State University working towards my music education major, I have the opportunity to be a part of a cooperating classroom to further my education and preparation to become a teacher. I look forward to an opportunity of learning from you and your classroom to further my teaching experience and prepare me for my own classroom in the future.

It has always been a passion of mine to help others learn and understand the means of having musical capability and what music can do for the mind and soul. Teaching music is not just teaching notes and sounds, it is teaching the history, theory, and meaning behind it. I feel that teaching music is important because it teaches one how to be a leader, development of life skills, and music is for everyone. Music, in the education system, can make a huge impact on any child's life and help mold their lives for the future.

Professionally, I completed my sophomore field experience at Miller High School in grades 7-12, covering band, choir, jazz band, and vocal jazz. I had the opportunity to observe my cooperating teacher manage her classroom while creating a learning environment for students. I also completed my junior field experience at Wolsey-Wessington Middle/High School. I had the opportunity to teach instrumental lessons and complete vocal warm-ups with students. I am currently completing my music courses, in which I become more confident each and everyday to hold a music teaching position in the future. I am looking forward to incorporating the music theorists that I have learned about to fulfill my dream of becoming a music educator.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing me to complete my student teaching in your classroom. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above information. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Danica Mickelson