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Recommendation for: Jennifer Herbert

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I am writing to recommend Jennifer Herbert. Part of my job is to support the use of technology in the classroom and some teachers make my job very easy. Jennifer has been an enthusiastic and effective user of technology in her classes. When the district purchases new technology Jennifer is always eager to learn how to use it to support students in her classroom.

Jennifer integrates many types of technology to support her teaching and her student's learning. Jennifer uses technology as a teaching tool. She uses a document camera to review and edit class work. This allows her to visually show students what she is thinking and allows her students to share what they are thinking. Jennifer uses an interactive white board as a daily warm-up activity to complete short grammar activities. Students are engaged and eager to participate.

Jennifer uses technology as a way to communicate with her students and with the entire school community. Our school recently rolled out a new web site. On her own time, Jennifer attended classes to learn how to create her class website, which is updated regularly.

Jennifer has her students using technology in her classes. Her class completed a research project, which they presented in PowerPoint. As part of an Anne Frank unit, students researched major events and demonstrated their understanding of the time period by creating World War II broadcasts using a podcast format. This project incorporated research, writing and technology in a way that captured student's interest. The use of technology allowed Jennifer to differentiate for different students.

Jennifer is a pleasure to work with. She is always willing to try new things. Jennifer is able to learn to use new technologies easily. She will seek out my help when she needs it. She learns quickly and is thoughtful about how to use technology to support her students. Jennifer's classroom is active and dynamic. Several times I have had the chance to co-teach with and support Jennifer when she is using technology. Her students are engaged with the material and actively participating in her classes. I highly recommend Jennifer as a leader in the use of technology in her teaching.

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