

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter to recommend Suzanne Ferguson, who has applied for a teaching position in your Mathematics department.

My daughter, Anna, is a senior at Minnehaha Academy. She has always done well in Mathematics, but this past fall, she did not understand AP Calculus as presented by her Calculus teacher. College applications were due to go out, and Anna did not want to jeopardize her excellent GPA due to her failing work in this class.

I hired Suzanne Ferguson to tutor Anna two days a week. Suzanne came to our home for the tutoring sessions, and I observed their interaction.

Initially, Suzanne had to get Anna up to speed in the course. She started at the beginning of the course and re-taught concepts presented in the first six weeks of class so that Anna had a sound understanding of what she had missed. Given Suzanne's extensive grasp of the material and her skillful teaching techniques, Anna was able to learn the concepts quickly and catch up with the class.

Anna looked forward to her tutoring sessions. She completed her homework before Suzanne's arrival and enjoyed the time she spent with her. Suzanne was always patient when explaining concepts and she knew how to inspire Anna. Anna had a lot of fun learning and took pride in her accomplishments. She not only learned the course content, but also learned valuable new study skills that will serve her well next year in college.

With Suzanne's help, Anna did exceptional work on her homework, tests and Gateways, and earned an A her first semester. Given such great results, Anna is continuing the tutoring sessions. She continues to excel, while working with Suzanne on the second semester course material and preparing for the upcoming AP Exam.

I credit Suzanne for much of Anna's success in AP Calculus and for Anna's continued interest in finishing out the school year to the best of her ability. I know that Anna has had a great advantage having Suzanne as her teacher, and I think that if Suzanne had been the Calculus teacher of Anna's class, many more students could have claimed that same benefit.

Suzanne Ferguson would be a wonderful addition to your Mathematics Department. I highly recommend her to you.

Sincerely,

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