



Davis High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a special education teacher at Davis High School in Kaysville, Utah. My students have various disabilities that make it difficult for them to access the general education curriculum without support.

BJ Woolston spent two and a half months in my class, teaching my students a variety of basic dances. He tailored his instruction to meet the needs of diverse students, including those who are non-verbal, who have physical limitations, and who struggle to manage their behavior. BJ even engaged reluctant participants by using songs popular among the students.

BJ taught the students how to keep a beat, as well as basic steps of the West Coast Swing and Night Club Two-Step dances. He also taught other life skills that my students need to develop. He emphasized the importance of being polite—not just on the dance floor, but in everyday interactions. He also taught about self-confidence, good hygiene, and even taking risks. He made the instruction applicable to the students' lives and encouraged them to practice the skills beyond the dance floor and the classroom.

BJ's instruction in the classroom was greatly anticipated every week. The students knew when he was coming and worked to be ready for his arrival. BJ's enthusiasm for dancing and his excitement in working with the students, no matter what their abilities, was highly evident. The students miss his visits, but we are grateful for the time he spent with us.

BJ's ability to tailor instruction for a variety of students with a variety of abilities, to apply instruction to various settings, and to do so with enthusiasm and skill make him a valuable addition to any program.

If you have further questions about BJ, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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