

To Whom It May Concern:

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Aaron Foster has served as a AP Environmental Science teacher at Nansha College Preparatory Academy (NCPA) for the past two years. He has also taught Grade 9 Integrated Science and Biology. At NCPA, both courses are based on the Next Generation Science Standards.

NCPA was Aaron's first experience working with standards based grading and assessment, and he has worked toward developing standards based assessments, while successfully preparing his students for the AP test. Aaron has demonstrated he can analyze student data and use it to improve student performance. This year, he is focused on improving students reading skills and has developed lessons with emphasis on reading strategies.

During his time at NCPA, Aaron has acted as the Department Chair for the Science department. In this role, Aaron is in charge coordinating department meetings, planning meeting agendas and objectives, communicating administrative messages to the department, and facilitating professional collaboration about the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards.

Due to NCPA's emphasis on English Language Acquisition, Aaron has been trained to support the needs of English Language Learners in the science classroom. He co-plans with the EAL teacher to ensure students' academic language develops based on Stanford's Six Key Principles for ELL Instruction.

Aaron is an active supporter of NCPA's after school activities. In the past two years, he has been a track and field coach for students in Grades 9 to 12 and prepared them for regional competitions. Recently, he helped coordinate the visit of author and environmental scientist Henry Evans, which benefited the AP Environmental Science students, as well as the Middle School science program. Aaron is committed to his own professional growth and is willing to share his experience with others. As an example, Aaron will present at the ACAMIS Technology conference about the successful implementation of a classroom management software, Classcraft.

I wish Aaron the best of luck at his next school.

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