



American School of Bombay

Letter of Recommendation for **Jacques Weber**

Jacques Weber has worked at the American School of Bombay for the past three years. During this time, he has taught Spanish and French in both the middle and high school, including International Baccalaureate classes. This year, due to Jacques' leadership potential and obtainment of a master's degree in educational administration and to support his desire to develop as an administrator, he was appointed to the position of Modern Language Department Head for grades 2 – 12.

Jacques is an outstanding language teacher. His classes are well planned, engaging and developmentally appropriate regardless of the age or ability level. He integrates technology seamlessly into the work that he does with his students to both enhance their understanding and to allow them to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. In all of his classes, he has established excellent rapport with his students and has created an atmosphere conducive to risk taking and active participation. Students are expected to speak the language and they do so readily.

In his role as Department Head, Jacques has begun to work with his department to document their curricular units. The department is utilizing "Understanding by Design" to facilitate this process and will record their work in ATLAS Rubicon. Prior to this year, Jacques played an integral role working with his colleagues to develop a scope and sequence for courses in modern language and to identify, choose and implement important new resources to support the program. His strong understanding of language development, together with his knowledge of the International Baccalaureate program has ensured that the curriculum is articulated, aligned and meets appropriate standards at each stage of development.

Jacques is very well organized and sets high expectations for himself as a teacher, learner and educator. He recently completed his master's degree while working full time at the school. He is also active with the International Baccalaureate Organization and is an examiner for Language B. He regularly supports his department colleagues by sharing resources, ideas and instructional practices. One of their department goals over the past year has been to share differentiation strategies to support the diverse learners in the modern language classroom.

Jacques also contributes beyond the classroom with students. He is readily available to provide support outside of the school day and also coaches Varsity Boys Soccer at the high school level.

Jacques is a lifelong learner, an incredible linguist and an energetic, conscientious educator. He will be a positive addition to your school community in the capacity of modern language instructor or a combined teacher/administrative role. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane McGee".

Jane McGee
High School Principal
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