



GRANITE BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Emma Hansen. I have known Emma since she was a young child and it has been my privilege to see her grow into the amazing young woman she is now! I have seen Emma excel in a variety of roles, including athlete, student, babysitter, employee and coworker. Her biggest strengths are her organizational skills, flexibility, strong communication, as well as her desire to impact the lives of young people.

I first met Emma as a swimmer on a recreational swim team, the Granite Bay Gators, when she was about 8 years old. Our athlete-coach relationship continued for a decade through her time at Granite Bay High School. While at GBHS, Emma was in my class as a student and then her senior year, as a TA/TI, and she was always notable working with high school students and athletes. Emma continued her involvement with the Granite Bay Gators for 9 years and worked her way up the coaching ladder, first as a volunteer, then an assistant, and finally she became a head age group coach. Upon her graduation from high school, I offered her a job coaching the JV Girls Swim Team at Granite Bay High School because of her coaching style and acumen, as well as her strong interpersonal skills. Emma did a spectacular job dealing with high school athletes and was a huge part of our team's success and proved to navigate complex situations with grace.

There are many parallels between coaching and teaching and I've seen attributes in Emma that will lead to classroom success. She always takes initiative, but especially when it comes to helping others. She knows how to utilize data to aid in decision making and she knows how to work with students to build confidence and skills. As a coach, Emma wants success for all students and she takes it to heart when individuals struggle and she takes immense pride in seeing students learn. She builds a personal connection of mutual respect with students and knows how to leverage that toward the students' success.

Emma has consistently shown to be a dependable and organized team player who balances responsibilities and improves all aspects of an organization with her attitude and efforts. Emma will be a positive addition to any classroom and will improve the school's student experience immediately and she receives my highest recommendation.

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