

To Whom It May Concern:

Meagan Clements was the number one substitute teacher on my preferred short-list of reliable substitutes when I was a special day class/life skills teacher at Gabrielino High School in San Gabriel, CA. She was also on many other teachers' priority substitute lists because of her skills, her professionalism, attitude, creativity, and empathy for the students.

When I had to miss my first week of class because of a pedagogical conference I had to attend at the state capital, I was not worried about having Meagan step in for me. As most educators know, the first week of school can be quite hectic with schedule changes, and new students coming in and out of class. I also taught students from severe to mild disabilities which can be quite a challenge, if one wasn't used to that diverse population.

Fortunately, Meagan has experience in both mild-to moderate, and moderate-to severe settings. If my lesson plans ended early, she used her creativity and skills to create a lesson on the topics I assigned, while still keeping the students engaged. Besides direct group instruction, she excelled at 1:1 instruction and tutoring students in smaller English comprehension and math groups.

She always texted back to me promptly and kept me informed of what happened in class. She would also help me document behavior reports. She was well liked by the staff and para-educators who worked with me. I recommend Meagan Clements for the position at your school or organization.

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