

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Jesse Holsworth for the position of School Counselor. I have had the pleasure of serving as Mr. Holsworth's internship supervisor for the 2018-2019 school year at Nathan Hale High School in Seattle, WA.

Mr. Holsworth is the strongest counseling intern I have worked with! His team approach to working with students, leadership in collaborating with other educators, and ability to balance the day-to-day and plan ahead made him an invaluable part of our counseling team. Mr. Holsworth is warm and supportive and easily builds rapport and trust with students and families. He has worked with a caseload of students and their families throughout the year and has done an excellent job of managing their individual needs and following up throughout the year. In addition to his caseload of students, Mr. Holsworth managed a few 504 referrals from start to finish. He collaborated with teachers to develop intervention plans, gathered feedback to determine eligibility, facilitated initial 504 meetings, and wrote 504 plans. His wealth of experience as a classroom teacher helps him advocate for students and work with teachers on strategies to support their success in the classroom. Mr. Holsworth wrote a series of classroom lessons for our 10th grade students focused on stress and anxiety management. He also developed a needs assessment given to students after the first lesson and the results drove the topic for the subsequent lessons. Our counseling team was able to deliver a comprehensive Social Emotional Learning curriculum to all of our 10th grade students for the first time because of his planning! Mr. Holsworth is always thinking of ways to identify student needs and take action. He took the initiative to run a D and E grade list to identify Juniors who needed support. That list helped the entire counseling department implement interventions and Mr. Holsworth took the lead on working with a group of Juniors to develop academic success plans to keep them on track for graduation. His forethought has been immeasurably helpful to our counseling team this year and we have been able to serve more students because of his systematic approach to identifying needs and providing support to students.

I highly recommend Mr. Holsworth and know he will be a strong advocate for your students and an amazing addition to your educational team.

Sincerely,

Jessica Kruse