

# El Camino High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure I write this letter of recommendation for Rachel Derusha. Rachel is currently teaching Spanish I and Geometry as a first year teacher at El Camino High School. I was fortunate to have hired her this last summer because she is not only a fantastic new teacher but she is fluent in Spanish and is dual credentialed. Her intelligence, professional preparation, and versatility were some of the reasons that I hired Ms. Derusha.

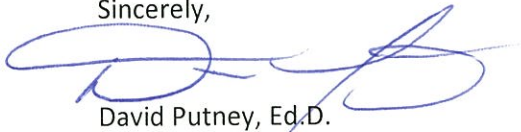
Ms. Derusha's lessons are well designed and thorough. She uses a variety of strategies to ensure student success and always goes the extra mile. She collaborates with parents, administration and members of her department on a regular basis and brings a wealth of knowledge to the conversation that far exceeds her years of service.

Her classroom management is efficient and she manages the challenges with confidence. She is open to feedback and has improved her practice as a direct result. Over the year I have been in her classroom countless times and I have formally evaluated her twice this year. I am impressed with her professional practice, preparation, and follow through. She is an outstanding young teacher and will only flourish.

Ms. Derusha has been a positive addition to El Camino High School; she is well liked by the staff and is definitely a team player. I am positive Ms. Derusha will be a fantastic addition to any school she chooses.

Please contact me should you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



David Putney, Ed.D.  
Principal