



## Tates Creek High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure I recommend Matthew Watkins for a Social Studies teacher position for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Watkins is an intelligent, hard-working, and intuitive teacher who is creative and engaging to high school students, and he will truly be an asset to the school in which he teaches.

As his liaison principal in the Freshman Academy, I have had the opportunity to observe, collaborate with, and watch Mr. Watkins be an accomplished teacher over this school year.

One area of strength for Mr. Watkins is his classroom management. Because of his relationship building efforts and the rapport he has with his students, he manages a classroom effectively and efficiently. I personally enjoy going into his class and being involved with whatever activities the students are doing.

Mr. Watkins also incorporates creative and engaging activities into lesson plans. He has an engaging style of instruction that makes learning obtainable for all students. He incorporates technology, current events, and other relatable content into his lessons. Students are not just sitting and learning—they are engaged and having to actively learn and participate in his class.

Mr. Watkins also has a strength in working with multiple learning levels of students. His ability to differentiate in the classroom is a strong point when trying to meet the needs of all students. He ensures that all the learning is accessible for all students and that is a much needed skill in today's classrooms.

In addition to the aforementioned strengths, I also feel that Mr. Watkins works well collaboratively with other teachers. He attends all the SLC meetings for Freshman Academy and is also a leader in the meetings. His opinions are valued and other teachers appreciate his input. Since teaching truly takes a village at times, this is an important part of the profession he has mastered.

Mr. Watkins is responsible, ethical, and will prove to be a leader and an asset to the Social Studies department at your school and I recommend him with high regards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Meredith.Bordas@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:Meredith.Bordas@fayette.kyschools.us) or at 859-381-3620 ext. 1008.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Bordas".

Meredith Bordas

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Associate Principal, Freshman Academy

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