



Ogden Preparatory Academy
LEA Specific Licensing and Endorsement Requests
October 14, 2021

The OPA Administration recommends the following for LEA Specific Licenses and/or Endorsements:

Name: James Rhodes

Recommendation: Secondary Teaching, Social Studies Composite Endorsement

Rationale:

Our Social Studies teacher took a position in Texas just before school started. We interviewed several candidates for this position, and James was the best fit. No candidates were highly qualified. James has a degree in Anthropology and is working toward teaching certification. He worked as a Teaching Assistant for the JH, and we were impressed with his work ethic, classroom management, and student interaction.

Name: Ariana Romero

Recommendation: Secondary Teaching, College/Career Awareness & Digital Learning Endorsement

Rationale: We interviewed multiple candidates for the CTE teacher replacement; however, none were highly qualified. Ariana has teaching experience in the field from out of state and is working on Utah certification.

Name: Cameron Daley

Recommendation: Elementary Teaching

Rationale: We interviewed multiple candidates for elementary teachers, and we were able to find some great teachers who were highly qualified and hired them. We did have more positions to fill. Cameron has a degree in English and has been a substitute at OPA. He has been very successful managing a classroom at the elementary, and we determined he would be a good fit for teaching at OPA. Cameron is pursuing his teaching certification.

Name: Chelsea Louth

Recommendation: Elementary Teaching

Rationale: Candice Hagon informed us in late July that she would not be returning. Chelsea was scheduled to work with Candice as she grew into teaching a class of her own. Chelsea is working on a Masters that will yield a teaching certificate. We had interviewed multiple candidates for the elementary positions, and determined that Chelsea was the best fit. We were also happy to promote from within as Chelsea knows our programs, team, and students.

Name: Whitney Simpson

Recommendation: Secondary Teaching, Middle School Science Endorsement

Rationale: We hired a Science teacher in the Spring. Late in the summer, the new teacher resigned. We did not receive many applicants for the science position, and none were highly



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qualified.
Whitney is working on her science education certification.

Name: Jasmine Nesbitt Yardley

Recommendation: Secondary Teaching, Health Education Endorsement

Rationale:

Our Health Education teacher gave 2 weeks notice to leave September 30. No one applied for the position who was highly qualified. We pursued several leads to attempt to find someone with certification; however, we were unsuccessful. Jasmine is working on her Masters degree in Public Health. She is very experienced in health education, and is a good fit with our team. She will be completing the coursework necessary for a teaching certificate and Health endorsement.