

HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

137 Monument Street, Haverhill, MA 01832

Phone: 978-374-5716

Fax: 978-374-5727

Lisa D'Arcangelo
Lead Counselor

Holly DeLuca,
978-374-5744

Linda Hart,
978-374-5757

Anne Jarzowski,
978-374-5756

Carol Leary,
978-374-5758

Melinda Loosian,
978-374-5751

Thomas McGowan,
978-374-5745

Paula Chausse,
MCAS
978-469-8762

RECOMMENDATION FOR DALCIONE REIS

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Dalcione Reis. I have worked closely with Dalcione over the past six months at Haverhill High School. She worked as an MCAS tutor of twelfth grade students who have previously taken and failed the MCAS mathematics subject test. In such a short time, Dalcione developed a most impressive academic support program within this large urban high school.

As the coordinator of the tutoring program, I have had the opportunity to observe Dalcione interacting with students in either one-on-one or small group tutoring sessions. She worked with limited resources and was able to transform a small conference area to a bright, welcoming mathematics tutoring room for her students. Dalcione connected with all of the students who she worked with and she continually encouraged them and helped them to remain on-task. More importantly, Dalcione recognized that mathematics was a rather challenging subject for the individuals who she tutored yet she mastered the ability to present the subject to each person so that he/she would learn it and at times, even enjoy it. She was creative in her mathematical presentations and went above and beyond to share her passion for mathematics with her students. For example, she voluntarily created and conducted an MCAS Practice Test for her students on a Saturday in early May. She communicated with her students and their parents and had quite a successful turnout of individuals. She was then able to score each test and report the results to the student. It was an excellent learning experience for each student who attended and truly encouraged each student to perform better on the actual MCAS test.

Dalcione is an individual who is extremely organized and unbelievably self-motivated. She often exceeds all expectations that are required of her. The students as well as the faculty are highly impressed with Dalcione's skills. The Curriculum Supervisor of the Mathematics Department has repeatedly expressed that Dalcione's enthusiasm and initiative are outstanding. Dalcione has frequently been called upon to teach MCAS preparatory classes and did so, only when she was not working with her own students.

Overall, Dalcione has been a wonderful addition to the faculty at Haverhill High School. She worked with challenging students and was able to help them gain the necessary self-confidence in mathematics as well as themselves. Her warm personality and her solid mathematical knowledge will make her a great teacher for any district. I enthusiastically recommend her and am confident that she will be successful in all that she pursues.

Sincerely,



Paula Chausse
MCAS Counselor