

To Whom It May Concern,

February 22, 2020

It is with great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Rocco Jones for the Killington Mountain School Boost Program. While I have only known Rocco for the current 2019-2020 school year, I feel like we have formed a great connection as Rocco and I are together both in advisory as well as in math class. I have watched Rocco grow throughout the year and be a wonderful role model to his peers.

Rocco is a well-rounded seventh grade student who excels both inside and outside the classroom. He participates in multiple activities including, soccer, mountain biking, rock climbing, wrestling, skiing, and snowboarding. Rocco is able to take part in all of these activities while keeping his grades up. While in elementary school, Rocco did not receive much homework. He has done an exceptional job managing the transition to middle school where he does receive homework. He uses his class time wisely as well as takes advantage of before and after school time in between commitments to complete his work. Rocco takes both his academics and extracurricular activities seriously and knows the importance of being fully committed to both.

Throughout the first few weeks of school, Rocco was in my first period math class. When he received an assignment, he got right to work on it. He was able to complete the work quickly and accurately. It did not take long for me to realize the material I was giving to Rocco was not challenging to him. While I did give him an alternate hands-on activity to work on when he was done with his class work, this was a temporary fix. The real solution was to switch him to a different, more challenging math class. Since Rocco, Rocco's mom, and myself were all in support of him moving classes, he was switched to my period two class. Period two has been a great fit for Rocco for he is able to move at a faster pace while receiving more challenging concepts and problems. In addition, Rocco was able to complete the alternate activity and made a beautiful board game revolving around fractions.

Rocco is a kind and caring student who is always nice to others. Middle school can be a really challenging time for students as they are trying to find their identities and circle of friends. Rocco has formed a wonderful connection with a few of his seventh grade peers. One friendship in particular, I can see lasting for a lifetime. Both boys are in my advisory together so I get to witness their interactions every day. In addition to spending time together at school, they are always together outside of school as well. They share their love of mountain biking, snowboarding, and backflips.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Rocco for the Killington Mountain School Boost Program. He will be a wonderful asset, both academically and athletically. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 802-558-6911 or email me at kstubbins@millriverschools.org.

Sincerely,



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