

MARK SUMMERS

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Secondary Educator (8-12)

Social Studies | Geography | History | Economics | Civics | Sociology | Psychology | Political Science | Life Skills
Minnesota State High School League Certified Coach and Referee

REFERENCE PORTFOLIO

Dr. Perry Filmore, Ed.D., Superintendent
WOODBURY AREA SCHOOLS, St. Paul, MN

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“It may sound odd coming from someone in my shoes—that of educational administrator and leader—but it breaks my heart to see Mark go. Mark is well versed in a broad suite of subjects, and has a knack for taking students back in time while keeping them firmly grounded and prepared for today’s world—technology to managing finances. He’s found his niche in teaching and coaching. Our loss is surely another district’s gain.”

Mary J. Arneson, Guidance Counselor
OAKWOOD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL, Minneapolis, MN

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“As the high school counselor, I have witnessed Mark Summers’ many talents in connecting with students, parents, staff and the community. He displays a unique ingenuity and enthusiasm. He has a calm, relaxed demeanor, but is also able to clearly manage expectations with an effective style of discipline. He incorporates technology into his lessons, keeping students engaged as I’ve never seen in my 23 years in education. Mark shines when working with people from diverse backgrounds—is open to new ideas, and shares many of his own for narrowing differences and focusing on a cohesive goal. A dedicated coach, he has volunteered for many unpaid hours as a football, hockey and tennis coach. Mark is a natural-born educator. **Out of 45 teachers, the Governor appointed him to serve on a committee tasked with decision-making in a time of severe budget cuts.** Oh! One more thing: **his students scored an unprecedented 95% on national standards testing! Hire him!**”

Carrie Gaberdine, Due Process Specialist / Compliance
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, St. Paul, MN

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“I have known and worked with Mark Summers since I came to the Department of Education five years ago. In my 34 years as an educator—high school and college instructor, special education director and at the state level for 10 years—I honestly have never seen anyone so easily able to communicate effectively with multiple audiences in the educational field and the community. Mark handles tough issues; he listens to all stakeholders and repeatedly displays sound judgment; he smartly weighs priorities; he gets it. It’s always in the best interest of the kids.”

G.K., Area Learning Center Student
WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL, Minneapolis, MN

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“When I first came to Washburn, I had neither hope nor future to look forward to. Mr. Summers challenged me to the point of no return. He never gave up on me, even though I had given up on myself. Even my own blood family got tired and lost hope. Not him. He stuck with me. He was my light within the tunnel. This world brought me pain, and I added more pain by doing wrong. He helped me move forward, not backward. He brought the true me out; he brought the excellence in me out; the motivation, the care, the integrity—the man. Wherever he goes, I believe with my heart and soul that he’ll make a difference in people’s lives. I thank him and wish him love and joy in this world.”