

HOME SCHOOL EVALUATION

STUDENT'S NAME: Jason Kline
SCHOOL YEAR: 200X-200X
GRADE: 11
SUPERVISOR: Robert Kline
EVALUATOR: Shelly Taylor
EDUCATION: Mansfield University
PA Certified for grades K-12
Grading Experience for Elementary and Secondary

Background Information

Over the past school year, Jason maintained a portfolio including a log and samples of his work documenting he received instruction in the subjects and time required by Section 1327 and 1327.1 of the School Code. Jason also met the requirements for the Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency diploma.

Educational Overview

After interviewing Jason and reviewing the portfolio, many areas of progress could be seen. Using Bob Jones' Writing and Grammar text, Jason gained a thorough understanding of grammar skills, with a review of spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. A Beka's Spelling & Vocabulary curriculum provided an in-depth vocabulary study and helped Jason to refine his skills of logic. His portfolio contained well-composed writing samples varying in length and style. Entries included several research papers, book report, and an analytical response. Jason read twenty-five books including the classics: Lord Of the Ring trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien, Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, and Jason's favorite, Animal Farm by George Orwell. In preparation for the SAT's, Jason used Barron's How to Prepare For the SAT work-text and CD-ROM to help him identify his strengths and weakness. He worked through all the strategies and practice tests.

His math course, Jacob's Geometry, stressed logic and deductive reasoning. Jason had little difficulty mastering this year's geometric concepts: formal proofs, theorems, lines and planes, congruent triangles, reflections, planes in space, and inequalities.

Jason's Chemistry with labs was taken through a home school co-op. Class text, Apologia's Exploring Creation with Chemistry, emphasized stoichiometry, valence electrons, chemical equations, and acids and bases. Modules included: Examples, On Your Own, Experiments, Review Questions, Practice Problems, quizzes, and tests learning activities. Jason found the preciseness required in balancing equations to be of interest. He also wrote a composition, *Acid Shock* and gave a speech on the same topic to fellow class members.

Jason completed A Beka's Health in a Christian Perspective. Topics included purpose, effects, and values of different foods.

Bob Jones' United States History traced American history from the time of the European discovery to the present day. The text covered the influence of physical geography, development of the free enterprise system, The Constitution, and how to analyze the structure of the US government as it relates to the American culture and historical periods. During his study of US involvement in various wars, Jason particularly enjoyed learning about the usage of guided missiles during the Vietnam War. He also spent quality time developing his ten-paper research paper, *Industrial Revolution* as part of his social studies course.

He completed Bob Jones' one semester course, Our Christian Heritage in Art. Samples of his art projects were included in his portfolio.

To keep physically fit, Jason maintained a regular program of lifting weights and running. He also enjoyed biking and swimming.

As a community service, Jason ministered seven weeks to inner city youth from Philadelphia at Camp Streamside in the Pocono's. Pre-camp instruction required camp counselor leadership training in many areas. Leadership skills were demonstrated in the cabin, as a fishing instructor, through nightly devotions, and through a week of hiking and boating.

Jason works as a sales associate in the lawn and garden department at a local retail store. He has proven himself to be a responsible employee and is appreciated by the customers and by the management.

Summary

Jason's portfolio reflects that he was encouraged to do his best work at all times. Homeschooling for him has been a positive and an encouraging force in his life.

This year Jason successfully completed grade level work in:

English 11	1 Credit	Health	.5 Credit
SAT Preparation	.25 Credit	Art	.5 Credit
Geometry	1 Credit	PE	.5 Credit
US History	1 Credit	Work Study	1 Credit
Chemistry	1 Credit	Community Service	
Lab	.25 Credit		

I certify that Jason Kline received an appropriate education for the 2006-2007 school year.

Evaluator: _____ Shelly J. Taylor