

Dear Admissions Representative,

How I know Justice:

I was Justice's chemistry teacher for the 2022-2023 school year: his sophomore year and my first year teaching. Justice was in my very first class of the day and he is why all my days that year had a fantastic start! Over the past 2 years Justice has had football practice before school and wash-up time during his first period. He will often finish up first period in my classroom and we've begun to call him the "honorary member" of the class. What's great for me is that I also have his younger sister in my 3rd period class, and she is just as wonderful as he is. It's fun to see them interact as both competitive siblings and siblings that truly care for each other.

Justice as a human:

My first favorite thing about Justice as a person is that he does not get mixed up in petty conversations or immature behavior that can be common among sophomores and a bunch of boys that play a sport together. In his class, Justice had many teammates, both from football and from baseball. He remained mature and level-headed when many of the boys were physically out of control in the classroom messing around with each other and needed constant correction to focus on the content I was teaching. While it could seem at times that Justice was a loner, I think he was operating good judgement in choosing his friends wisely. The other young men in our class clearly revered him and were deferential to him because he carried a demand for respect. My second favorite thing about Justice is his care for his little sister. She feared she had failed a math test which would preclude her from being a cheerleader and I watched him take her into the hall, hug her, and encourage her. She had been crying and when she came back into the classroom and I asked her how she was, she said that Justice made her feel much better and that she was going to be ok. Outside of my own children, I've never seen a student at school take such sweet care of their sibling.

Justice as a student:

Justice effortlessly kept an A in chemistry throughout the year. He is very bright and very focused on his goals. He was also a strategic student and would put his best effort in where he would get the greatest return. My favorite thing about Justice in class was that he always wanted to help with demonstrations. Demos usually involved some form of fire or explosion, and I could count on him to both be excited about what we were doing but also be serious and conscientious when following my directions. To this day, he comes in to do the whoosh bottle demo where we line the inside of a water cooler bottle with ethanol and then drop a match in. He had the great idea to spray the opening of the bottle with a copper solution so that the flame would turn green. I have made this adjustment in all my classes now. We call this demo a success if the blast flips a ceiling tile. He's gotten quite good at it!

Justice is undeniably one of my favorite students and I whole-heartedly recommend him to anything he wishes to pursue in life, including pursuing higher education and playing baseball. He will continue to be an excellent scholar, athlete, and team member wherever he goes. I hope you will invite him into the opportunity he is seeking. He will undoubtedly leave your school and baseball program better than he finds it.

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