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Teaching Statement

It gives me great joy and excitement to be applying for a student teaching position at your school. I know that my love of children and passion for teaching will make me a great candidate to join your school's community.

Coming from a family of educators, school has always been stressed as an important and valuable part of life, although my appreciation for school did not come until my early twenties when I took a job that completely changed my outlook on education. Back in 2013 I became a preschool teacher at an outdoor special needs preschool. I worked closely with students and families of all demographics and abilities which included behavioral, physical, emotional and cognitive challenges. Through my years of work here, I discovered my interest and love for teaching, which led me to the Teacher Education program at Central Washington University.

I have been lucky enough to live a life where I have been able to travel to many parts of the world to deepen my understanding of other cultures and people, in addition to coming from a multicultural family. I find that my experiences abroad and my work with special needs children have helped me become the outgoing, understanding and patient person I am today, qualities that I find to be desirable in an educator.

I firmly believe that the relationship a teacher has with their students can greatly effect the students' perception of future schooling and themselves as learners. This is why I find developing strong relationships with my students as well as social and emotional learning to be of the upmost value in elementary education. I feel that this was lacking when I was an elementary student and it is my goal to change that for the future generations I teach.

I hope to graduate with a degree in Elementary Education and a TESL endorsement. I am excited to take what I've learned through my preschool teaching career, my field experience and practicum experience and the methods and theories I've learned at CWU and apply them to a real classroom.