

# Hannah E. Dunlap

**Bachelor of Fine Arts  
with an emphasis in  
Education, K-12**

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**Dr. Judith Brittingham**

Acting Principal, Sussex Central High School  
26026 Patriots Way  
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Dear Dr. Brittingham,

As an alumna of Indian River School District, I am beyond thrilled to apply for the chance to come back to my hometown and share the skills I have learned during my time at Colorado State University in the Art Education program. As I have spent the past few years away from a place I have always known, I believe I can contribute to students' academic excellence in the art classroom to prepare them for their futures, just as my previous art teachers did for me.

My passion for visual arts was mainly sparked in high school, which led me to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in K-12 Education at CSU. During my time at CSU I have had several opportunities working with students, staff, administrators, and coaches at various middle schools and one high school in the Poudre School District. It has been a pleasure learning different teaching styles from an array of mentors and implementing what I have learned when designing and teaching lesson plans, creating my own classroom management strategies, and coming up with formative and summative assignments.

My goal as a teacher is to encourage critical thinking skills that will promote lifelong learning for my students. I believe education does not just happen within the school, but rather everywhere; as long as this pedagogy is taught and encouraged. As an art teacher I plan to connect art to current events, other subjects, and the surrounding environment.

My purpose as an educator is to create a classroom that is welcoming and safe so that my students can grow into strong and thoughtful adults that can take on the world after they leave Sussex Central.

I have the knowledge, skills, passion, and drive to be a teacher that will contribute to the Indian River School District in a positive manner, not only for students, but for my colleagues as well. I am grateful for your consideration at the chance to be a part of this remarkable school.

Sincerely,

**Hannah Dunlap**