

Mathematics Recommendation CONFIDENTIAL

We greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete this form. It provides one way of getting to know the student and is reviewed with the understanding that students are constantly changing and developing. We place particular value on your observations of classroom behavior and your descriptive comments in each area. Preparers and recipients are expected to maintain the information in strict confidence and to refrain from sharing it with students, parents, or guardians.

Student's Name: ______ Applying for Grade: _____

Current School:

Teacher's Name, Email, Phone: _____

In which course do you teach this student? Please indicate the course level (on-grade, accelerated, honors, etc.), and briefly describe the content (for example: algebra, geometry, etc.). It is helpful to know what texts you use and if the students are grouped by ability.

What grade is the student currently earning?

Is the student's performance an accurate reflection of his/her ability? Please explain.

Next year, what math course would be the most appropriate placement for the student (for example: next step in the progression, repeat the current course, etc.)?

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

What are the first three words or phrases that come to mind to describe this student?

The student's greatest strength in my class is:

The student most needs improvement in:

Please describe the style of learning environment in which you see this student thriving.

To the best of your ability, please rate the student in each of the following areas:

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Academic achievement	Poor	Fair	Good	Outstanding
Knowledge of basic skills	Poor	Fair	Good	Highly developed
Accuracy in use of basic skills	Poor	Fair	Good	Highly developed
Problem-solving ability	Poor	Fair	Good	Highly developed
Critical thinking/analytical ability	Limited	Fair	Frequently perceptive	Exceptionally perceptive
Ability to express ideas verbally	Limited	Has some difficulty	Good	Exceptional
Daily preparation & study habits	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Follows directions	Rarely	Needs much explanation	Occasionally needs help	Quickly and effectively
Classroom conduct	Frequent disruptions	Occasional misconduct	Usually good behavior	Good conduct
Attention & level of engagement	Easily distracted	Occasionally distracted	Usually good focus	Exceptional focus & engagement
Motivation & initiative	Low	Occasionally evident	Evident	Exemplary
Seeks help when needed	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always
Reaction to criticism/feedback	Defensive	Ignores criticism	Developing	Uses criticism to improve
Participation in discussion	Wants to dominate	Rarely contributes	Quiet but actively engaged	Joins in readily
Ability to work independently	Has great difficulty	Needs help frequently	Needs help occasionally	Always works well

Ability to work in a group	Has great difficulty	Sometimes has difficulty	Usually effective	Always works well
Curiosity	Limited curiosity	Occasionally evident	Frequently evident	Consistently evident
Creativity	Limited creativity	Occasionally evident	Frequently evident	Highly developed
Maturity	Immature	Occasionally immature	Appropriate for age	Precocious
Integrity	Questionable	Usually trustworthy	Trustworthy	Highly developed
Self-confidence	Appears overly confident	Needs much reassurance	Needs some support	Positive self- image
Social relationships with peers	Relates poorly	Has occasional problems	Usually relates well	Healthy relationships
Interactions with adults	Interacts poorly	Has occasional problems	Usually interacts well	Healthy interactions

Overall, I recommend this individual:

As a student:	With reservation	Fairly strongly	Strongly	With great enthusiasm
As a person:	With reservation	Fairly strongly	Strongly	With great enthusiasm

We value the narrative comments from teachers, frequently above and beyond the checklist above. Please share additional information about this student or explain your checklist responses. We are particularly interested in academic ability, intellectual potential, perseverance, leadership, consideration for others, and conflict resolution skills.

Teacher's signature: Date: