



**Recommendation Form for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicants**  
**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: 6

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name, Email, Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In which subject areas do you teach this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently teaching this student? \_\_\_\_\_

What grade is the student currently earning? \_\_\_\_\_

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

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?  
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How often is the class asked to write, and what is the average length of the assignments? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What texts does your class read? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student read independently? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the first three words or phrases that come to mind to describe this student? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.  
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To the best of your ability, please rate the student in each of the following areas:

<b>Academic achievement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding
<b>Reading comprehension</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Ability to interpret/analyze texts</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently perceptive	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally perceptive
<b>Writing mechanics and organization</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Ability to express ideas verbally</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Has some difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional
<b>Knowledge of basic math skills</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Accuracy in use of basic mathematics skills</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Problem-solving ability</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Critical thinking/analytical ability</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently perceptive	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally perceptive
<b>Daily preparation &amp; study habits</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
<b>Follows directions</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs much explanation	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally needs help	<input type="checkbox"/> Quickly and effectively
<b>Classroom conduct</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent disruptions	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional misconduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually good behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> Good conduct
<b>Attention &amp; level of engagement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Easily distracted	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally distracted	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually good focus	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional focus & engagement
<b>Motivation &amp; initiative</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary

<b>Seeks help when needed</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually	<input type="checkbox"/> Always
<b>Reaction to criticism/feedback</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Defensive	<input type="checkbox"/> Ignores criticism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developing	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses criticism to improve
<b>Participation in discussion</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Wants to dominate	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely contributes	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet but actively engaged	<input type="checkbox"/> Joins in readily
<b>Ability to work independently</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Has great difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs help frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs help occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Always works well
<b>Ability to work in a group</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Has great difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes has difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually effective	<input type="checkbox"/> Always works well
<b>Curiosity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently evident
<b>Creativity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited creativity	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequently evident	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Maturity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Immature	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally immature	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate for age	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Integrity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Questionable	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly developed
<b>Self-confidence</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Appears overly confident	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs much reassurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs some support	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive self-image
<b>Social relationships with peers</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Relates poorly	<input type="checkbox"/> Has occasional problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually relates well	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy relationships
<b>Interactions with adults</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interacts poorly	<input type="checkbox"/> Has occasional problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually interacts well	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy interactions

Overall, I recommend this individual:

<b>As a student:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> With reservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly strongly	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly	<input type="checkbox"/> With great enthusiasm
<b>As a person:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> With reservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly strongly	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly	<input type="checkbox"/> With great enthusiasm

We value your comments and encourage you to 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.

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Teacher's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_