## MATH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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## TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Please complete the following information before giving it to your child's school administrator.
Date: $\qquad$
Name of Applicant: $\qquad$ Candidate for $\qquad$ Grade in September 2016

Name of Teacher: $\qquad$ Subject Taught $\qquad$ Grade Level: $\qquad$
Teacher Email: $\qquad$ Teacher Phone Number: $\qquad$
Parent/Guardian Authorization Signature: $\qquad$
For the student named above, I waive my rights to read the Math Teacher Recommendation

The student whose name appears above is applying for admission to $\qquad$
Your candid observations about his/her academic performance, intellectual promise, and personal qualities will help the Admissions Committee to make its selection of the students entering the school. Your comments will be held in strict confidence. Complete and return this report after December 1, 2015 but no later than January 22, 2016

How well do you know the student academically? $\qquad$
As a person? $\qquad$
In what year(s) did you teach the student? $\qquad$
How large is/was the class? $\qquad$
What course(s)? $\qquad$
What are the major topics covered in the student's current math class? $\qquad$
What math class would be the most appropriate placement for the next academic year? $\qquad$
Using the space below, please comment on the student's work habits, classroom behavior, and integrity. We are particularly interested in your evaluation of the student's peer relations, generosity, patience, and respect for others. Feel free to attach a narrative summary to this recommendation form.

## I recommend this candidate for admission:

for academic promise
for character
for personal promise
overall recommendation

| not <br> recommended | without <br> enthusiasm |
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fairly
strongly
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strongly
enthusiastically

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Signature $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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## COMMON RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR TEACHERS

Name of Applicant: $\qquad$
Name of Teacher: $\qquad$ Subject Taught: $\qquad$ Grade Level: $\qquad$
Thank you for taking the time to complete this checklist. For your convenience, a number of Los Angeles area independent schools are using a common form for the Teacher Recommendation Form. Please feel free to photocopy this checklist in the event that this student is applying to more than one school. Though each school may vary in the emphasis that it places on the qualities listed below, each school is interested in the descriptive profile of a student that this checklist provides. This form is accepted by the following Los Angeles area schools:

Archer, Berkeley Hall, Brentwood School, Bridges Academy, Buckley, Calvary Christian, Campbell Hall, Chadwick, Chatsworth Hills, The Country School, Crossroads, de Toledo High School (formerly NCJHS), Harvard-Westlake, Heschel, Marlborough, Marymount, Milken, Mirman, New Roads, Oakwood, Pacific Hills, Pilgrim, Rolling Hills Prep, Sierra Canyon, Sinai Akiba, St. Matthew’s, Turning Point, Viewpoint, Vistamar, Wesley, Westmark, Westside Neighborhood, Wildwood, Willows, and Windward.

AFTER PHOTOCOPYING, please circle the school to which you are sending this form.

| 1. | Academic achievement | - considerably below expectations | - has had some difficulties | at grade level | - above grade level |
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| 2. | Effort/determination | - limited | - sporadic | usually good | - maximum |
| 3. | Ability to work in a group | has great difficulty | sometimes has difficulty | usually effective | - always works well |
| 4. | Ability to work independently | needs much help | $\square$ needs help frequently | I needs help occasionally | - always works well |
| 5. | Participation in discussion | - rarely contributes | - wants to dominate | - contributes occasionally | joins in readily |
| 6. | Intellectual curiosity | - little | $\square$ occasional | $\square$ consistent | - marked |
| 7. | Command of mathematics | $\square \mathrm{poor}$ | $\square$ average | $\square \mathrm{good}$ | $\square$ excellent |
| 8. | Ability to express ideas orally | - limited | has some difficulty | $\square \mathrm{good}$ | $\square$ exceptional |
| 9. | Imagination | - little | $\square$ fair | $\square$ active | - highly developed |
| 10. | Daily preparation | $\square \mathrm{poor}$ | fair | $\square \mathrm{good}$ | - excellent |
| 11. | Use of time | $\square$ uses poorly | $\square$ occasionally wastes | usually uses well | $\square$ always uses effectively |
| 12. | Follows directions | $\square$ rarely | needs much explanation | ] occasionally needs help | quickly and effectively |
| 13. | Critical thinking | - limited | - consistent with age | $\square$ often perceptive | I exceptionally perceptive |
| 14. | Resilience | $\square$ rarely | $\square$ occasionally | usually | - always |
| 15. | Attention span | $\square$ easily distracted | $\square$ occasionally distracted | usually good | - exceptionally good |
| 16. | Integrity | - questionable | usually trustworthy | - trustworthy | - highly developed |
| 17. | Consideration of others | $\square$ rarely considerate | usually considerate | $\square$ considerate | $\square$ unusually thoughtful |
| 18. | Social adjustment with peers | $\square$ relates poorly | - has occasional problems | healthy relationships | - extremely popular |
| 19. | Leadership ability | a follower | - leads when given responsibility | ] seeks opportunities and uses them well | a natural leader |
| 20. | Initiative | $\square$ never initiates | rarely shows initiative | $\square$ occasionally initiates | $\square$ often initiates |
| 21. | Classroom conduct | $\square$ frequent disruptions | $\square$ occasional misconduct | usually good behavior | $\square$ good conduct |
| 22. | Stability | $\square$ easily frustrated | $\square$ seeks much attention | - handles most situations | - stable |
| 23. | Sense of humor | $\square$ rarely laughs or smiles | fair | $\square \mathrm{good}$ | $\square$ delightful |
| 24. | Self-confidence | needs much reassurance | - appears overly confident | ] needs occasional support | $\square$ positive self-image |
| 25. | Parent participation in child's education | $\square$ rarely involved | - overly involved | sometimes involved | $\square$ appropriately involved |
| 26. | Parent cooperation | ] unknown | $\square$ fair | $\square \mathrm{good}$ | outstanding |
| 27. | Parent expectations | ] unknown | $\square$ unrealistic | $\square$ realistic | $\square$ other |

