



CONFIDENTIAL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Kindergarten and First Grade

Rio Grande School is an independent day school located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We enroll students in prekindergarten through the sixth grade. Committed to a strong academic program which supports the individual needs of each child, Rio Grande School accepts students with a broad range of interests and abilities.

Your observations are a critical element in the admission process. We appreciate your willingness to take the time to carefully answer the following questions. The information you provide is confidential and will only be used for selection purposes. It will not become part of the candidate's official file and will not be available to the parents.

The selection criteria for admission includes academic performance, social maturity, motivation, teacher observation and recommendation. We are particularly interested in students who have a willingness to learn, work cooperatively in group settings, and handle transitions well.

Candidate's Name _____

School _____ Grade Level _____ Date _____

Teacher's Name _____ Telephone _____

The following rating scale should relate candidate's performance to the range of developmentally appropriate behaviors which occur during preschool and kindergarten years.

	exhibits a definite need		exhibits average competency		exhibits a definite strength
Interactions with peers	1	2	3	4	5
Interactions with adults	1	2	3	4	5
Oral expression	1	2	3	4	5
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
Self-direction	1	2	3	4	5
Asks for help when needed	1	2	3	4	5
Listening skills	1	2	3	4	5
Follows directions	1	2	3	4	5
Concentration	1	2	3	4	5
Fine motor development	1	2	3	4	5
Gross motor development	1	2	3	4	5
Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to handle transition	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to handle setbacks	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

Please include comments on all ratings of 1 or 5.

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING

An additional page may be used, if necessary

1. Candidate's social and/or emotional development as compared to peers.
2. A. Has the candidate been referred for professional educational or psychological evaluation? If yes, please explain.

 B. Has outside support been recommended? If yes, please explain.
3. In your opinion, what are the candidate's greatest strengths?
4. In your opinion, what are the candidate's greatest needs?
5. In what ways has this family supported the school, the candidate, and the teacher?
6. Please include any information you feel would be helpful to us in evaluating the candidate.
7. Based upon your observations, what grade placement do you recommend for this child for next year? _____



*Thank you for sharing your personal observations. Please return to:
Admission Committee, Rio Grande School, 715 Camino Cabra, Santa Fe, NM 87505*