



Friends Select School

Applicants to GRADES 6-12
CONFIDENTIAL COMMON RECOMMENDATION FORM

This common recommendation form is accepted by all independent schools who are members of ADVIS (Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools). To be signed by the parents or guardians and given to the student's present school.

I/We understand that we may not look at this evaluation and assure the evaluator and the school that we will not try to do so. We give permission for the evaluator to release the information on this form to the schools to which we are applying for admission. We understand that as parents we will not have access to this confidential information and that it will not become part of our child's permanent record.

First Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Second Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Name of Student _____ has applied for grade _____

To the Evaluator: Please complete both sides of this form and send to all requesting schools. Your comments will be held in strictest confidence. Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance.

How long have you known the candidate and in what connection? _____

Please list subject taught, including level of difficulty _____

Please list the textbook used, if applicable _____

Academic Qualities

Academic ability

- Outstanding
Good
Average
Below average
No basis for judgment

Intellectual curiosity

- Strong and varied
Good
An occasional spark
Limited
No basis for judgment

Written expression of ideas

- Ideas and mechanics excellent
Ideas good, mechanics fair
Ideas fair, mechanics good
Ideas and mechanics poor
No basis for judgment

Academic achievement

- Outstanding
Good
Average
Below average
No basis for judgment

Ability to work with others

- Always works well
Usually effective
Sometimes unable to cope
Has great difficulty in a group
No basis for judgment

Uses suggestions

- Always
Usually
Sometimes
Rarely
No basis for judgment

Effort and drive

- Outstanding
Good
Sporadic
Occasional
No basis for judgment

Ability to work independently

- Always works alone
Needs help occasionally
Needs help frequently
Requires supervision
No basis for judgment

Seeks help

- Always
Usually
Sometimes
Rarely
No basis for judgment

Study habits

- Well organized
Organized
Easily distracted
Poor
No basis for judgment

Oral expression of ideas

- Exceptional
Good
Only when called on
Wants to dominate
Rarely contributes
No basis for judgment

Concentration

- Exceptional
Usually good
Occasionally distracted
Easily distracted
No basis for judgment

Personality Traits

CIRCLE the words that best describe the student

- Aggressive
Anxious
Articulate
Assertive
Cheerful
Confident
Conscientious
Disobedient
Easily discouraged
Follower
Helpful
Honest
Influential
Irritable
Manipulative
Motivated
Negative leader
Over-protected
Passive aggressive
Perfectionist
Positive leader
Responsible
Self-centered
Self-disciplined
Shy
Social
Vivacious
Well-liked

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Personal Qualities

Maturity

- Very mature
 Appropriate
 Somewhat immature
 Very immature
 No basis for judgment

Social adjustments with peers

- Healthy relationships
 Occasional minor problems
 Frequent minor problems
 Relates poorly
 No basis for judgment

Self-confidence

- Has healthy self-image
 Needs some support
 Appears overly confident
 Needs much reassurance
 No basis for judgment

Conduct

- Well-behaved
 Usually obeys rules
 Occasionally misbehaves
 Frequently misbehaves
 No basis for judgment

Consideration of others

- Unusually thoughtful
 Usually considerate
 Rarely considerate
 Selfish
 No basis for judgment

Sense of humor

- Delightful
 Good
 Inappropriate
 Humorless
 No basis for judgment

Integrity

- Very trustworthy
 Usually trustworthy
 Occasionally trustworthy
 Untrustworthy
 No basis for judgment

Attitude of parents

- Cooperative
 Uninvolved
 Overly protective
 Antagonistic
 No basis for judgment

What are the academic strengths and weaknesses of this candidate? Comments concerning writing ability, math skills or other skills appropriate to your subject area will be particularly helpful. Consider such categories as effort, curiosity, motivation, achievement in relation to potential, class participation and homework preparation. **Please feel free to attach a separate page for additional comments.**

Overall Rating

	Outstanding	Good	Average	With reservations
As a student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any additional information that may be helpful in our evaluation of this student? _____

May we contact you for further information? Yes No

TEACHER'S NAME _____

POSITION _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation. Please send directly to Friends Select:

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