



Current English Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Applicant: Please handwrite your name and use black ink. Give this to your current English teacher with a pre-addressed stamped envelope.

Applicant's Name: _____ Applying to Grade: _____

Parent: Please read and sign the statement below.

I authorize the release of school records for the student named above. Please include an official transcript of all grades and a record of academic testing. I understand that I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendations and the school report.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: Merit Academy is a rigorous university-preparatory school that offers individual instruction in small class sizes. We seek a student body of accelerated, self-motivated students who place education as a high priority in their lives. Please complete the form below which continues on the following page. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record as long as the parent has signed above. We appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge about this student with us.

Academic Qualities								
Academic Qualities	Unknown	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	The Best!
Study Habits								
Time Management								
Attention Span								
Ability to Work Independently								
Ability to Organize/Communicate Ideas								
Motivation								
Intellectual Curiosity								
Critical and Abstract Thinking Skills								
Reading Comprehension								
Ability to Analyze, Compare & Contrast								
Ability to do Research								
Essay Writing Skills								
Thesis Writing Skills								
Compare & Contrast Writing Skills								
Biographical Writing Skills								
Research Writing Skills								
Usage of Correct English Grammar								
Usage of Vocabulary								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
Participates in Most Rigorous Courses								
Skill:								
Skill:								

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Personal Qualities

Personal Qualities	Unknown	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	The Best!
Leadership Potential								
Self-Confidence								
Reaction to Criticism								
Reaction to Setbacks								
Ability to Act/Think Independently								
Ability to Work Cooperatively								
Ability to Work With Others								
Ability to Work Well Alone								
Level of Maturity								
Personal Integrity								
Sense of Humor								
Ability to Stand up for his/her Rights								
Self-Starter								
Follow-Through on Projects/Tasks								
Traits:								
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Please answer the following questions about this student's academic abilities.

1. Describe this student's reading comprehension skills.

2. Describe this student's writing skills. Comment on his/her most recent paper or essay.

3. Does this student produce work that is comparable to his/her abilities? Please elaborate.

4. Does this student need constant reminders and guidance to get his or her work completed?

5. Does this student's absences affect his or her academic performance? Please describe.

6. What areas would you suggest that this student develop to ensure success at the university level?

7. What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?

8. Considering this student's academic abilities and personal character, would you recommend this student to Merit Academy?

9. Would you prefer to discuss information about this student in a phone conversation? Yes ___ No ___

Teacher's Name: _____ Position: _____ Subject you Taught Applicant: _____
 School: _____ School Phone: _____ Grades Applicant Received: _____
 Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____