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Current Grammar Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Applicant: Please handwrite your name and use black ink. Give this to your current Grammar teacher with a preaddressed 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 one-on-one individual instruction. 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								
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Study Habits								
Time Management								
Attention Span								
Ability to Work Independently								
Ability to Org/Communicate Ideas								
Motivation								
Intellectual Curiosity								
Critical & Abstract Thinking Skills								
Reading Comprehension								
Can 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 Grammar								
Usage of Vocabulary								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
Takes Most Rigorous Courses								
Skill:								
Skill:								

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Personal Qualities

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Leadership Potential								
Self-Confidence								
Reaction to Criticism								
Reaction to Setbacks								
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Level of Maturity								
Personal Integrity								
Sense of Humor								
Stands up for his or her Rights								
Self-Starter								
Follow-Through on Projects/Tasks								
Traits:								
Traits:								
Traits:								

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 or her most recent paper or essay.
3. Does this student produce work that is comparable to his or 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 (exceptionally rigorous academic high school program)?
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: _____
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Current Mathematics Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Applicant: Please handwrite your name and use black ink. Give this to your current Mathematics teacher with a preaddressed 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.

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Motivation								
Intellectual Curiosity								
Critical & Abstract Thinking Skills								
Foundation in Add, Sub, Mult, Div.								
Foundation in Fractions								
Ability Apply Gen Math Principles								
Algebra 1 Concepts								
Geometry Concepts								
Algebra 2 Concepts								
Trigonometry Concepts								
Calculus Concepts								
Quality of Work								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
Preparation for Exams								
Ability to Retain Math Principles								
Takes Most Rigorous Courses:								
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Please answer the following questions about this student's academic abilities.

1. Does this student have a solid mathematical foundation?

2. Describe this student's ability to retain mathematical concepts and principles.

3. Can this student apply basic principles in word problems? Does he or she rely on memory or conceptual processes?

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

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

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 (exceptionally rigorous academic high school program)?

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Critical & Abstract Thinking Skills								
Apply Gen. Prin. to Experiments								
Preparedness for Class Lectures								
Preparedness for Science Labs								
Ability to Write Lab Reports								
Participation in Class Discussion								
General Knowledge in Chemistry								
General Knowledge in Biology								
General Knowledge Physics								
Quality of Work								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
Preparation for Exams								
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Self-Starter								
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Please answer the following questions about this student's academic abilities.

1. Describe this student's ability to retain scientific concepts and principles.

2. Can this student apply basic principles to problems? Does he or she rely on memory or conceptual processes?

3. Describe this student's best lab report, project, or experiment.

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

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

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 (exceptionally rigorous academic high school program)?

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Current English Language Teacher Recommendation Form

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Foreign Language: _____ Level: _____

Parent: Please read and sign the statement below.

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Oral Comprehension Skills								
Motivation								
Intellectual Curiosity								
Critical & Abstract Thinking Skills								
Conversation with Teacher/Students								
Ability to Write Letters and Essays								
Reading Comprehension								
Grammar Skills								
Desire to Become Fluent in English								
General Vocabulary								
Seeks Partners to Practice Language								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
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Please answer the following questions about this student's academic abilities.

1. Describe this student's ability to retain vocabulary.

2. Can this student apply basic grammar principles to oral and written language?

3. Describe this student's best report.

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

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

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8. Considering this student's academic abilities and personal character, would you recommend this student to Merit Academy (exceptionally rigorous academic high school program)?

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

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