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Community Day School  
[comday.org](http://comday.org)

The Campus Laboratory School  
[campusschool.carlow.edu](http://campusschool.carlow.edu)

The Ellis School  
[theellisschool.org](http://theellisschool.org)

Falk Laboratory School  
[falkschool.pitt.edu](http://falkschool.pitt.edu)

Kentucky Avenue School  
[kentuckyavenueschool.org](http://kentuckyavenueschool.org)

Kiski School  
[kiski.org](http://kiski.org)

The Neighborhood Academy  
[theneighborhoodacademy.org](http://theneighborhoodacademy.org)

Sewickley Academy  
[sewickley.org](http://sewickley.org)

Shady Side Academy  
[shadysideacademy.org](http://shadysideacademy.org)

St. Edmund's Academy  
[stedmunds.net](http://stedmunds.net)

Valley School of Ligonier  
[valleyschoolofligonier.org](http://valleyschoolofligonier.org)

Winchester Thurston School  
[winchesterthurston.org](http://winchesterthurston.org)

**Common Teacher Recommendation Form Grades 5-12**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning in the fall of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Teacher:

Your thoughtful evaluation of this student will assist our Admission Committee and help provide information for the best placement for the applicant. The information you provide will be kept in strictest confidence and will not become part of the student's permanent record, nor will it be shared directly or indirectly, with the applicant's parents. Please complete **both** sides of this form no earlier than December 1st. *Thank you*

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School name                                  Street                                  City                                  State                                  Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What course(s) have you taught this applicant and what text(s) were used? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What course/level do you recommend for this student next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Compared to other students in the applicant's class, please rate the candidate in the following areas:

Academic Qualities	Top 5%	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgement
Academic achievement						
Academic potential						
Self motivation, effort						
Study habits, organization						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to work in a group						
Attention, concentration						
Willingness to take risks						
Participates in class discussion						
Ability to seek help when needed						
Intellectual curiosity						
Leadership skills						
Writing Ability						
Reading Comprehension						



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<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<b>Top 5%</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>No Basis for Judgement</b>
Self-confidence						
Respect for others						
Sense of humor						
Honesty and integrity						
Emotional stability						

Please circle the words that describe this student:

- |               |                 |                    |               |              |             |                    |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Confident     | Anxious         | Passive            | Well-liked    | Curious      | Creative    | Positive influence |
| Follower      | Honest          | Helpful            | Irritable     | Manipulative | Shy         | Perfectionist      |
| Organized     | Assertive       | Social             | Responsible   | Distractible | Sensitive   | Self-disciplined   |
| Motivated     | Over-protective | Articulate         | Conscientious | Distracting  | Disobedient | Negative influence |
| Self-centered | Energetic       | Easily discouraged | Other: _____  |              |             |                    |

What are the academic strengths and weaknesses of this applicant displayed in your class?

Does this applicant have any specific needs with respect to their learning? If so, how are they addressed?

Please share comments about parents' support of the applicant's learning and/or cooperation with the school:

Please add any comments you feel would be helpful in our evaluation of this applicant:

How would you evaluate the overall academic ability of this student?

- |           |               |         |               |      |
|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|
| Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Weak |
|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|

How would you evaluate the overall personal qualities of this student?

- |           |               |         |               |      |
|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|
| Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Weak |
|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|

Would you be willing to discuss this applicant by telephone if we have further questions? **YES** **NO**

Is there information about this applicant that would be better communicated by telephone? **YES** **NO**

*When completed, please forward the recommendation in a sealed envelope to the school(s) to which the student is applying. We would appreciate it if you sign your name over the sealed flap of the envelope. Photocopies are acceptable for students applying to more than one school.*