

Grades 2-5

# Common Recommendation Form 2012-2013

## TEACHER COMMENTS

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant to grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The student named above is applying to one or more of the schools listed on the back of this form. A full report from the applicant's present school is necessary if he or she is to be given consideration for admission. Our ability to effectively evaluate this student is helped considerably by your timely and candid insights. We understand the difficulty in making such an evaluation. *All information that you furnish will be kept confidential to the extent the law allows and will not be retained as a part of the student's permanent record.* On behalf of this student, we thank you for your cooperation.

**Please complete this recommendation in black ink. Retain the original for your files and send a photocopy directly to requesting schools.**

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

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Student/teacher ratio in your classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the first three words that come to mind to describe this student?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

The items below ask for your sense of this student's emotional and social growth, intellectual development and relationships within the school community. Please evaluate the candidate in the following areas by placing a check in the appropriate column.

## SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	TRULY OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	COMMENTS
Self-esteem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Willingly observes rules and accepts school procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sensitivity to others' feelings/respect for individual differences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Respects rights and property of others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gets along well with peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tries to solve own problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Demonstrates courteous behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Adjusts to daily transitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

## SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	TRULY OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	COMMENTS
Participates appropriately during activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Exhibits appropriate self-confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Maintains self-control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Accepts responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Accepts constructive criticism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Enthusiasm for school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Intellectual curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Creativity and imagination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Listens attentively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Follows oral directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Follows written directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Stays on task	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Completes assignments promptly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Works well independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Works well in a group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Works without disturbing others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Demonstrates effort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Seeks help when needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Please comment on the student's effort and achievement in the following areas.

### Reading/Language Arts:

Decoding skills \_\_\_\_\_

Reading comprehension \_\_\_\_\_

Oral expression \_\_\_\_\_

Written expression \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in independent reading \_\_\_\_\_

### Mathematics:

Conceptualization \_\_\_\_\_

Computation \_\_\_\_\_

Problem solving \_\_\_\_\_

Does this student have any particular affinities or interests you would like to share with us? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In both academic and social growth and development, please comment on noteworthy strengths of the student.

Academically \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Socially \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is there additional information that would be helpful to us in our evaluation of this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP**

Parents are an important part of our relationship with the student. To the best of your knowledge and with careful consideration to accuracy, please share with us any thoughts you have regarding this applicant's family, including their involvement in your school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To your knowledge, is the parents' perception of their child compatible with the school's understanding of the child? Please comment.

\_\_\_\_\_

Which word(s) best describe the parents in regard to their child?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any family circumstances that affect the student's life at school? Please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If we have additional questions, may we call you?  Yes  No

If yes, phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Most convenient time to call is \_\_\_\_\_

**Again, thank you for your time and the helpful information you have provided.**

# Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools Common Recommendation Form

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

### **THE ANCONA SCHOOL**

4770 S. Dorchester Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60615-2023  
(773) 924-2356  
fgreen@anconaschool.org  
www.anconaschool.org

### **THE AVERY COONLEY SCHOOL**

1400 Maple Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515-4849  
(630) 969-0800  
agilla@averycoonley.org  
www.averycoonley.org

### **BERNARD ZELL ANSHE EMET DAY SCHOOL**

3751 N. Broadway St.  
Chicago, IL 60613-4104  
(773) 572-1236  
admissions@bzaeds.org  
www.bzaeds.org

### **BRICKTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

8622 W. Catalpa Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60656-1720  
(773) 714-0646  
molly.arnoldt@brickton.org  
www.brickton.org

### **THE CATHERINE COOK SCHOOL**

226 W. Schiller St.  
Chicago, IL 60610-1808  
(312) 266-3381  
admission@catherinecookschoool.org  
www.catherinecookschoool.org

### **CHIARAVALLÉ MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

425 Dempster St.  
Evanston, IL 60201-4706  
(847) 864-2190  
admission@chiaravalle.org  
www.chiaravalle.org

### **CHICAGO ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS**

1010 W. Chicago Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60642-5414  
(312) 421-0202  
generalinfo@chicagoartsacademy.org  
www.chicagoartsacademy.org

### **CHICAGO CITY DAY SCHOOL**

541 W. Hawthorne Pl.  
Chicago, IL 60657  
(773) 327-0900  
yearbook@chicagocitydayschool.org  
www.chicagocityday.org

### **CHICAGO WALDORF SCHOOL**

1300 W. Loyola Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60626-5104  
(773) 465-2371  
lpayton@chicagowaldorf.org  
www.chicagowaldorf.org

### **COUNTRYSIDE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

1985 Pflingsten Rd.  
Northbrook, IL 60062-5853  
(847) 498-1105  
info@countysidemontessori.org  
www.countysidemontessori.org

### **DA VINCI ACADEMY**

37W080 Hopps Rd.  
Elgin, IL 60124-8519  
(847) 841-7532  
admissions@dvacademy.org  
www.dvacademy.org

### **ELGIN ACADEMY**

350 Park St.  
Elgin, IL 60120  
(847) 695-0300  
showell@elginacademy.org  
www.elginacademy.org

### **FOREST RIDGE ACADEMY**

7300 Forest Ridge Dr.  
Schererville, IN 43675  
(219) 756-7300  
dshultz@fra.edu  
www.fra.edu

### **FRANCIS W. PARKER SCHOOL**

330 W. Webster Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614-3820  
(773) 797-5107  
admission@fwparker.org  
www.fwparker.org

### **HYDE PARK DAY SCHOOL**

1375 E. 60th St.  
Chicago, IL 60637  
(773) 834-5080  
pdadelma@uchicago.edu  
http://hpds.uchicago.edu/

### **LAKE FOREST ACADEMY**

1500 W. Kennedy Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
(847) 234-3210  
lstrudwick@lfnanet.org  
http://www.lfnanet.org/

### **LAKE FOREST COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

145 S. Green Bay Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045-3053  
(847) 234-2350  
chris.nicoletta@lfcds.org  
www.lfcds.org

### **LA LUMIERE SCHOOL**

6801 N. Wilhelm Rd.  
LaPorte, IN 46350-8627  
(219) 326-7450  
admissions@lalumiere.org  
www.lalumiere.org

### **LATIN SCHOOL OF CHICAGO**

59 W. North Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60610-1492  
(312) 582-6060  
admissions@latinschool.org  
www.latinschool.org

### **LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE CHICAGO**

613 W. Bittersweet Pl.  
Chicago, IL 60613  
(773) 665-0066  
dlenoir@lyceechicago.org  
www.lyceechicago.org/

### **MORGAN PARK ACADEMY**

2153 W. 111th St.  
Chicago, IL 60643-3917  
(773) 881-6700  
info@morganparkacademy.org  
www.morganparkacademy.org

### **NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2017 W. Montrose Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60618-1713  
(773) 327-3144  
npesadmissions@npeschool.org  
www.npeschool.org

### **NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

310 Green Bay Rd.  
Winnetka, IL 60093-4094  
(847) 441-3313  
admissions@nscds.org  
www.nscds.org

### **QUEST ACADEMY**

500 N. Benton St.  
Palatine, IL 60067-3564  
(847) 202-8035  
E-mail: admission@questacademy.org  
Web: www.questacademy.org

### **ROGERS PARK MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

1800 W. Balmoral Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60640  
(773) 271-1700  
jeinstein@rpmschool.org  
www.rpmschool.org/

### **ROYCEMORE SCHOOL**

1200 Davis St.  
Evanston, IL 60201-2467  
(847) 866-6055  
info@roycemoreschool.org  
www.roycemoreschool.org

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOLS: THE ACADEMY FOR GIRLS AND HARVEY PREPARATORY FOR BOYS**

6250 N. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660-1730  
(773) 681-8418  
admissions@shschicago.org  
www.shschicago.org

### **SCIENCE AND ARTS ACADEMY**

1825 Miner St.  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
(847) 827-7880  
adavey@scienceandartsacademy.org  
www.scienceandartsacademy.org/

### **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LABORATORY SCHOOLS**

1362 E. 59th St.  
Chicago, IL 60637-1793  
(773) 702-9451  
admissions@ucls.uchicago.edu  
www.ucls.uchicago.edu