

Dear Valued Partner in Education,

The Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools (LMAIS) is a non-profit organization established to promote educational excellence by supporting the interests of independent schools in Illinois and Indiana, building strong relationships among independent schools, and creating innovative opportunities in professional development for the faculty, staff and administrators in independent schools.

Enclosed is a recommendation form that is used by all LMAIS schools (*please reference the last page of this document for a comprehensive list of LMAIS schools*) in determining if the applicant is an appropriate fit for the institution to which he/she is applying. This form is only one of many pieces of information used to get to know the applicant. A full report from the applicant's present school is necessary if he/she is to be given consideration for admission. Our ability to effectively evaluate this student is helped considerably by your timely and candid insights. **If you feel that this form is not reflective of your school's mission, ethos, or pedagogy, please do not hesitate to provide an alternative assessment of the applicant on school letterhead. 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.**

LMAIS has identified the following assessment benchmarks used herein. Please take a moment to review the benchmark headers, as well as their definitions, to ensure accurate and effective completion of the enclosed form.

- **Truly Outstanding:** Exceptional student
- **Excellent:** Exceeds what is developmentally expected for this age group
- **Good:** Sometimes exceeds what is developmentally expected for this age group
- **Average:** Meets what is developmentally expected for this age group
- **Below Average:** Does not exhibit what is developmentally expected for this age group

The academic recommendation forms should be completed by the child's current homeroom teacher and/or academic specialist. The Principal recommendation form may be completed by the Head of School, Division Head, Guidance Counselor or another appropriate administrator.

If you have received the recommendation form electronically:

- **DOWNLOAD** the PDF to your desktop;
- **SAVE** and re-name with applicant's name in the title;
- **FILL IN** the appropriate fields;
- **SAVE** the completed form;
- **REVIEW** your saved and completed form to assure all areas have been answered;
- **ATTACH** the completed PDF file to an email and return to the requesting school.

If you have received the recommendation form as paper copy, please complete the form in **black ink**. Retain the original for your files and send a photocopy directly to the requesting school.

On behalf of this student, we thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools
(LMAIS)

Grades 6–12

Common Recommendation Form 2016-2017

Please complete this recommendation form electronically using Adobe Reader or in black ink. Retain the original for your files. Send the completed PDF form by email or mail the paper copy directly to the requesting school.

ENGLISH TEACHER COMMENTS

Name of student _____ Applicant to grade _____

Your name _____ Title _____

School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Student/teacher ratio in your classroom: _____

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

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Title _____

Is this course sectioned according to ability? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please briefly explain how this course is sectioned and note the section placement of the applicant. _____

How often does the class meet? _____

What text is used? _____

By June, we will have completed _____ of _____ chapters.

Please estimate the percentage of time spent in the following areas:

Reading/literature _____ Vocabulary development/spelling _____

Grammar _____ Writing skills _____

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 student in the following areas by placing a check in the appropriate column.

ACADEMIC QUALITIES

	TRULY OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	COMMENTS
Attitude towards subject	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual curiosity	<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"/>	
Academic performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Academic ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to reason abstractly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to think logically	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Oral expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Written expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reading comprehension	<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"/>	
Organizational ability	<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"/>	
Willingness to take intellectual risks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perseverance and thoroughness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to work in a group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to work independently	<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"/>	
Class participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Study habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PERSONAL QUALITIES

	TRULY OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	COMMENTS
Honesty/integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Self-esteem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Self-discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Receptivity to others' ideas	<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"/>	
Peer compatibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Relationship with teacher(s)	<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"/>	
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reaction to setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maturity (relative to age)	<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"/>	

What are the student's strengths?

As a student? _____

As a person? _____

In which areas does this student need improvement?

As a student? _____

As a person? _____

Does the student attend class regularly? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a problem with tardiness? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain. _____

To the best of your knowledge, if the student handed in a paper late it would probably be because the student:

- ☐ procrastinates ☐ strives for perfection of expression ☐ lost the rough draft
☐ has lots of other activities ☐ does not apply; student's work is never late ☐ other, please explain _____

How well does the student accept advice or criticism? _____

Which words best describe the student's thinking? ☐ Independent ☐ Creative ☐ Imitative ☐ Other _____

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

Within your range of experience, how would you rate the student?

- ☐ Truly outstanding ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Below Average

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PARENT/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Parents are an important part of our relationship with the student. Please share 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.

Are you aware of any family circumstances that may affect the student's life at school? _____

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

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please explain. _____

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 (LMAIS)

Return form(s) to the requesting school(s) as indicated by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

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