

Common Recommendation Form

Grades 1–5

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 the student 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 the student 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)

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Common Recommendation Form 2022-2023

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.

TEACHER COMMENTS

Name of student _____ Applicant to grade _____

Teacher's name _____ Position _____

School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

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"/>	_____
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

	TRULY OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	COMMENTS
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 _____

Please comment on the student's efforts, achievements, and contributions to the class.

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN EVALUATING THIS APPLICANT?

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 contact you? Yes No

If yes, email: _____ Phone _____

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

Addendum COVID Related Student Curricular / Learning Transition Information

Please indicate the applicant child’s learning program/modality for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Remote

Hybrid

In Person

If the child switched between learning modalities during the 2020-2021 year (i.e. remote to in person) please explain.

Please rate the child’s performance during IN_PERSON learning (if applicable):

	OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	N/A (Did not observe)
Attendance:						
Focus:						
Participation:						
Citizenship:						

Please rate the child’s performance during REMOTE learning (if applicable):

	OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	N/A (Did not observe)
Attendance:						
Focus:						
Participation:						
Citizenship:						

If you have had an opportunity to observe the student during different learning modalities, was there a significant difference in performance? (For example, the student is a strong in-person learner, but a weak remote learner). If yes, please explain.

Please share any additional insights you may have regarding this student’s transition / adaptability to changing learning environments.

Is there anything we should know about the student’s social and emotional growth during COVID for the 2020-2021 academic year?

Signature _____ Date _____

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

If yes, email: _____ Phone _____



Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools

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

For additional information contact: fcaron39@comcast.net

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avalera@alcuin.org
www.alcuin.org

THE ANCONA SCHOOL

4770 S. Dorchester Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615-2023
(773) 924-2356
admissions@anconaschool.org
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1400 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515-4849
(630) 969-0800 x7213
admission@averycoonley.org
www.averycoonley.org

BAKER DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL

201 Sheridan Road
Wilmette, IL 60091-3452
(847) 425-5800
admissions@bakerdemschool.org
www.bakerdemschool.org

BEACON ACADEMY

1574 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-4422
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admissions@beaconacademyil.org
www.beaconacademyil.org

BERNARD ZELL ANSHE EMET DAY SCHOOL

3751 N. Broadway Street
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admissions@bernardzell.org
www.bernardzell.org

BRICKTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

8622 W. Catalpa Avenue
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(773) 714-0646
info@brickton.org
www.brickton.org

CATHERINE COOK SCHOOL

226 W. Schiller Street
Chicago, IL 60610-1808
(312) 266-3381
admission@ccookschool.org
www.catherinecookschooll.org

CHIARAVALLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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

CHICAGO ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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(312) 421-0202
aavery@chicagoartsacademy.org
www.chicagoacademyforthearts.org

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541 W. Hawthorne Place
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(773) 327-0900
admissions@chicagocitydayschool.org
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CHICAGO JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

3730 N. California Avenue
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cstarkcope@chicagojewishdayschool.org
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CHICAGO WALDORF SCHOOL

5200 N. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640-2032
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www.chicagowaldorf.org

COUNTRYSIDE DAY SCHOOL

1985 Pfingsten Road
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(847) 498-1105
info@countysideday.org
www.countrysideday.org

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(773) 420-2550
Northfield Campus
1980 Old Willow Road
(847) 446-7025
Lemont Campus
13860 Main Street
(630) 296-1229
admissions@hydeparkday.org
www.hydeparkday.org

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY
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(847) 615-3267
admissions@lfanet.org
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LAKE FOREST COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
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Lake Forest, IL 60045-3053
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LA LUMIERE SCHOOL
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(219) 326-7450
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NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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(773) 327-3144
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QUEST ACADEMY
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