



RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Office of Admissions

Previous Teacher's Recommendation (from 2023-24 school year)

OPTIONAL (For Applicants to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten)

Recommendation deadline: January 10, 2025

PART 1:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: After completing Part 1, please give this form to the student's recommender to complete and return directly to Rye Country Day School. Please provide the teacher with a stamped envelope addressed to RCDS (above right). Alternatively, the teacher may scan/email this form to admissions@ryecountryday.org.

Our school does not currently accept the Standard Application Online (SAO) for applicants. However, if you are using the SAO to apply to other schools in the Fairchester Consortium, we will accept copies of the SAO Teacher Recommendation forms. If you wish to send SAO teacher recommendation forms to our school, please request that your teachers email a PDF copy of their completed SAO teacher recommendation form directly to our school at admissions@ryecountryday.org.

Notice: A teacher must first complete the SAO Teacher Recommendation Form online, using the request link an applicant sends as a part of the SAO. After the teacher completes and submits the form, a PDF copy of the completed form can be accessed.

Student Name

Date

As part of the process for admission, Rye Country Day School (RCDS) requires written recommendations. I/We acknowledge that these recommendations are confidential communications between the recommender and RCDS. I/We waive the right to access this recommendation, and acknowledge that RCDS is relying on this waiver and would not consider my/our child without it. I/We also understand that this recommendation will not become part of my/our child's permanent record at RCDS if my/our child is accepted and enrolls at RCDS.

Thank you for your cooperation and candor. All RCDS recommendation forms are confidential.

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

PART 2: PREVIOUS TEACHER: The above student has applied for admission to Rye Country Day School. Teacher recommendations are an important part of the admissions process. Kindly complete the check-form below and add any additional comments that will help in developing an understanding of the applicant both as a student and as a person. Please return this form directly to Rye Country Day School by January 10, 2025.

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Social/Emotional Development:

Please rate each item according to how well it describes the child:

	Exceeds Age Expectation	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Area of Concern	Not Known
Has positive self-esteem					
Has good sense of humor					
Shares willingly with others					
Becomes engaged with peers					
Approaches new situations with confidence					
Is a happy child					
Is comfortable as a leader					
Is comfortable as a follower					
Resolves peer problems successfully					
Exhibits self-control					
Functions well even with distractions					
Follows class rules					
Thinks before acting					
Accepts limits					
Is a self starter					
Functions well in unstructured situations					
Is cooperative					
Separates easily from parent/caregiver					
Tolerates frustration well					
Is imaginative					

Additional comments regarding social/emotional development:

Physical Development:

Please rate each item according to how well it describes the child:

	Exceeds Age Expectation	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Area of Concern	Not Known
Has age-appropriate fine motor control					
Has age-appropriate gross motor coordination					
Exhibits stamina in a day's activities					
Exhibits good speech development					
Participates in group physical activities					

Handedness:

- ☐ Right
- ☐ Left
- ☐ Mixed

Additional comments regarding physical development (re: auditory, visual, general health, etc.):

Pre-Academic Development:

Please rate each item according to how well it describes the child:

	Exceeds Age Expectation	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Area of Concern	Not Known
Exhibits Curiosity					
Focuses well on task at hand					
Understands directions					
Understands discussions					
Participates appropriately in discussions					
Follows needed sequences					
Expresses thoughts					
Remembers information					
Completes tasks					
Speaks with appropriate clarity					
Has an active imagination					
Is well organized					
Can work independently					
Can apply learning to new situations					
Works cooperatively					
Listens in a group					
Makes transitions easily					
Tolerates frustration well					

Additional comments regarding pre-academic development:

General Questions:

Please rate (1 – 5; 1=low, 5=high):

_____ The parent(s)/guardian(s) shares the School's expectation level and general understanding of the child.

_____ The parent(s)/guardian(s) demonstrates a strong understanding and support of the School's mission.

Please comment:

1) List three words that best describe the student:

2) Are there any special aspects of the child's home life, attendance pattern, parental/guardian involvement with the school that should be commented on?

3) Any additional comments/remarks?

Disclaimer: If you have any further comments about this applicant/family, please call our office for a confidential conversation. (914) 925-4513

Name (please print) _____ **Position** _____

School _____ **School Phone** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please note: This form is due no later than January 10. RCDS will send a reminder to families with incomplete admissions folders after January 1.