



Governor's School for Science, Math & Technology

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation Form for Student Application

This box is to be completed by the applicant before the form is presented to the teacher (current or past year).

Student Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Teacher Directions:

➤ Check one box for each criterion, using the following rating scale: BA - Below Average A - Average
 E - Excellent (top 10%) O - Outstanding (top 5% - one of the best I've ever encountered)

➤ Mark one (and only one) box for every criterion. DO NOT mark between two categories.

NOTE: Not following this instruction hurts students in the application process.

➤ Please add comments in the indicated space below.

➤ Sign, date, and return to trichtarski@fcps1.org (see attached for mailing address) by February 20, 2026.

Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ School: _____

Subject(s), Grade Level(s) and Date(s) you taught applicant: _____

Criteria	BA	A	E	O
1. Motivation and Initiative: <i>Curious, self-starter, shows initiative</i>				
2. Problem Solving: <i>Exhibits persistence in solving routine and non-routine problems, synthesizes and applies knowledge</i>				
3. Communication: <i>Justifies and defends mathematical arguments orally and in writing, shares strategies with others</i>				
4. Class Participation: <i>Participates fully in discussions and other activities</i>				
5. Class Preparation: <i>Always does assigned readings and homework</i>				
6. Interest in Mathematics: <i>Demonstrates an intense interest in and appreciation for the beauty of mathematics, makes connections between math topics and between math and other subjects, applies mathematical knowledge to real world problems</i>				
7. Academic Ability: <i>High aptitude in mathematics and potential for success</i>				
8. Quality of Work: <i>Complete, reflective of deep understanding, accurate, and creative in terms of strategies and thinking</i>				
9. Logical Thinking and Questioning: <i>Extends questioning to include next investigation</i>				
10. Independence: <i>Demonstrates the ability to solve challenging problems or complete difficult tasks with minimal assistance from adults</i>				
11. Team Work: <i>Dependable, disciplined, supportive of others, committed to tasks and groups, respectful of others and opposing viewpoints, willing to accept criticism</i>				
12. Ability to synthesize and apply knowledge				
(For selection committee use only)				

Comments: It is required that you include comments about this student that will help the selection committee make a decision. You may use a separate sheet if needed (please do not staple).

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