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Teacher Evaluation

Student Name _____

Applying for Grade _____

TO THE PARENT

Please provide a copy of this form to two (2) of the applicant's current teachers, who must return it directly to The Siena School. If possible, we would hope to receive both a reading/language teacher and math teacher evaluation. Teacher recommendations are provided in confidence as part of the admissions process and do not become part of the student's permanent record. Please sign below acknowledging that information provided to us through this process is confidential and cannot be shared.

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

TO THE TEACHER

Thank you for taking the time to share with us your thoughts about the applicant. Once you have completed the following information, please return it directly to The Siena School admissions office. This form is confidential and will not be shared.

School Name _____

Applicant's Current Grade _____

Teacher Name _____

Telephone _____

How long and in what context have you known the student?

The mission of The Siena School is to provide an outstanding education to bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences. Siena maintains rigorous academic standards and expects that all of our students will be preparing for competitive college matriculation. **Would you describe the applicant as "a bright, college-bound student"?** Please comment.

Yes

No

We serve students that have either diagnosed language-based learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, or clear evidence of language-based learning needs. Furthermore, our students will exhibit mild to moderate discrepancies between their intellectual abilities and academic performance in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Admitted students will generally be no more than two grade levels behind in core subjects. **Does the applicant have mild to moderate, language-based learning needs?** Please comment.

Yes

No

Our students will present average to above-average abilities in other subject areas. Admitted students will generally demonstrate strengths or gifted abilities in one or more areas, including the creative arts. **Does the applicant present average to above-average abilities?** Please comment.

Yes

No

Siena is only equipped to serve students that are emotionally healthy and behaviorally appropriate. While some of our students may exhibit mild Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), we are unable to serve students with more significant emotional or behavioral challenges. Learning needs, not emotional or behavioral issues, will be the primary challenge for our students. **Would you describe the applicant as emotionally healthy and behaviorally appropriate for their age?** Please comment.

Yes

No

Please indicate the applicant’s performance in each of the following areas you have had an opportunity to observe.

ACADEMIC ABILITIES	Top 5%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Area of Concern	Comments
Reading fluency / decoding						
Reading comprehension						
Spelling						
Vocabulary						
Written expression						
Writing mechanics						
Handwriting						
Oral expression						
Math computation						
Math word problems						
Creativity / imagination						
Grasp of new concepts						
Intellectual curiosity						
Critical thinking						
Academic potential						
Academic achievement						

CLASS PERFORMANCE	Top 5%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Area of Concern	Comments
Attendance						
Class participation						
Teamwork						
Follows directions						
Seeks help when needed						
Attention span / focus						
Ability to transition activities						
Memory						
Work ethic / effort						
Self-motivation / initiative						
Independent work						
Study habits						
Time management						
Organization of work						
Reads for pleasure						

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Top 5%	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Area of Concern	Comments
Conduct and behavior						
Emotional maturity						
Self-confidence						
Emotional stability						
Resilience / perseverance						
Integrity / honesty						
Sense of humor						
Respect for others						
Sense of responsibility						
Extra-curricular participation						
Relationships with peers						
Relationships with adults						
Leadership ability						

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL WORDS YOU FEEL DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT

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|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| bright | self-disciplined | shy | assertive | participates |
| social | passive | organized | funny | disobedient |
| distractible | negative leader | irritable | dependent | gives up |
| leader | focused | motivated | unmotivated | musical |
| restless | calm | physical | gifted | imaginative |
| loner | stubborn | responsible | caring | impulsive |
| honest | helpful | anxious | careless | resilient |
| disorganized | dishonest | follower | over-protected | inattentive |
| outgoing | introverted | happy | sad | supportive |
| sits out | creative | energetic | agreeable | withdrawn |
| confident | distracting | irresponsible | hurtful | articulate |
| self-centered | perfectionist | athletic | independent | easily frustrated |
| tests boundaries | popular | immature | curious | courteous |

Please list a few other words that you feel describe the applicant:
 Please list or describe any teaching techniques or strategies that have proved helpful.

Please list and describe any instances of disciplinary action involving the student that you are aware of, if any.

Please describe the student-parent relationship and interaction.

Please describe the parents' relationship and involvement with the school faculty and the broader school community.

Please list any additional information that you feel the review committee may find useful in considering the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION BASED ON:	Strongly Recommend	Recommend	With Reservations	Do Not Recommend	Comments
Fit with Siena Mission					
Potential to Succeed					
Character/Behavior					
OVERALL					

Signature _____

Date _____

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