



Phillips Academy
ANDOVER

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Phillips Academy is a four-year college preparatory school located in a historic New England town about 21 miles north of Boston. The 1,100 students come from all regions of the United States and from many foreign countries. Forty-four percent of students receive financial assistance. Admission is very selective. The rigorous program of study should be undertaken only by able students with strong academic motivation as the curriculum is intended to prepare students for further study in selective college and university programs.

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CURRENT MATHEMATICS TEACHER

THE COMMON RECOMMENDATION FORM

To the student: Please print your name, address, and school below and give this form and a stamped, addressed envelope for each school to your current mathematics teacher.

Student's Name _____ Current Grade _____
Last First Middle

Student's Address _____
Street City State Zip Code Country

Current School _____ Previous School Attended _____

To the teacher: The student named above is a candidate for admission. The Admission Committee places considerable weight on the academic and personal qualifications of each student. Your recommendation is vital to our process. We would appreciate your most candid and thoughtful responses. Please complete this form and return it in the envelope provided.

How well do you know the student academically? _____ As a person? _____

In what years did you teach the student? _____ How large is the class? _____

What course(s)? _____ Is the student on a block schedule? _____

Next year, what math course would be the most appropriate placement for the student? _____

Briefly describe your course. It is especially helpful to know what texts are used and if the students are grouped by ability.

Is this course part of a tracking system or designated as an honors or accelerated course? Yes No

Student's Mathematical Background: The courses listed below suggest a sequence typical of the mathematics curriculum in many American secondary schools. Please check those courses or list others that the student will have completed by the end of the current school year.

- _____ Basic First Year Algebra (does not include extensive study of rational expressions, irrational numbers, and quadratic equations)
- _____ First Year Algebra (a thorough course that includes quadratics)
- _____ Geometry
- _____ Second Year Algebra (not including trigonometry)
- _____ Second Year Algebra (includes numerical trigonometry through the laws of sine and cosine)
- _____ Precalculus (including analytical trigonometry)
- _____ Calculus (an introduction)
- _____ Calculus (Advanced Placement AB) _____
- _____ Calculus (Advanced Placement BC) _____

Please evaluate the candidate in relation to other students of the same age/grade you have taught. Please check the appropriate box for each item below.

	ONE OF THE TOP FEW I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED	EXCELLENT (TOP 10% THIS YEAR)	GOOD (ABOVE AVERAGE)	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR JUDGMENT
Knowledge of the basic skills						
Accuracy in the use of basic skills						
Problem-solving ability						
Reasoning ability						
Understanding of and appreciation for the underlying ideas and concepts						
Effort						
Overall performance						
Willingness to accept the challenge of the more difficult problems and exercises						
Command of mathematics when compared to other students whom you have taught						

TO THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL: In an effort to simplify the application process and eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort, the Association of Boarding Schools has developed common recommendation forms. This form may be completed only once; photocopies will be accepted by all schools that accept the common recommendation forms. The student should provide you with a stamped, addressed return envelope for each school requesting a copy of this form. Use of the common recommendation forms will in no way compromise the student’s chances for admission. You are welcome to attach a narrative statement, but, if you do so, we request that you complete the checkboxes on this form as well. Please detach the top portion of this form prior to duplication. Return a copy of this form to Andover, in the envelope provided, by January 15 for day applicants and February 1 for boarding applicants.

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Please place check marks at the points that represent your evaluation of the student in comparison to other students in his or her age group whom you have taught or advised. If you have no fair basis for judgment, do not hesitate to say so.

	ONE OF THE TOP FEW I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED	EXCELLENT (TOP 10% THIS YEAR)	GOOD (ABOVE AVERAGE)	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR JUDGMENT
Academic Potential						
Academic Achievement						
Intellectual Curiosity						
Effort/Determination						
Ability to Work Independently						
Organization						
Creativity						
Willingness to Take Intellectual Risks						
Concern for Others						
Honesty/Integrity						
Self-Esteem						
Maturity (relative to age)						
Responsibility						
Respect Accorded by Faculty						
Respect Accorded by Peers						
Emotional Stability						
Overall Evaluation as a Person						
Overall Evaluation as a Student						

If the student is relatively weak or strong in any areas listed above, please elaborate.

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

Please comment on this student’s character, citizenship, and contributions to your community.

Please add any additional information that will give us a more complete picture of the student.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to complete this evaluation. Your reflections are an important part of the candidate’s application. All information you provide will be held in confidence and disclosed only to the Admission Committee and others deemed necessary by the dean of admission.

Signature _____	Date _____	School Address _____
Printed Name _____		E-mail Address _____
Title _____		() _____ Telephone _____