

Austin Jewish Academy
Teacher Impressions Form
Grade 6 through 8 Applicant

Name of Student: _____

Enrolling Year: _____ Enrolling Grade: _____

Dear Educator,

The above student has applied to Austin Jewish Academy. AJA is a coeducational Jewish Day School for students who are well motivated and are of good character. Your completion of this evaluation is extremely helpful. It is important to all of us that the child's next school placement be an appropriate one for both the student and the family. We appreciate your taking the time and effort to provide us with this important information. Your judgments are used solely for the admissions process and are held in the strictest confidence.

Kindly return this form by February 5, 2019.

Fax to (512) 735-8351, scan and email it to admissions@austinjewishacademy.org, or mail it directly to AJA in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your cooperation and for the comments you will provide.

Name of Teacher: _____

Current School Phone: (_____) _____

Current School: _____

Current School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

In what grades/subjects do you or did you teach this child? _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

Today's Date: _____



(Teacher Impressions, Cont.)

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate rating.

Academic Ability and Achievement	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Grasps new concepts with ease				
Performs well on topics that may not be of particular interest to him/her				
Produces work products that are organized, accurate and thorough				
Submits class work and homework on time				

Motivation and Initiative	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Is eager to learn				
Goes beyond the required assignment to resolve unanswered questions				
Is willing to take intellectual risks				
Is curious about academic topics				

Problem Solving	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Actively looks for and suggests solutions to problems				
Integrates complex information				
Is aware of patterns and connections among ideas				

Communication and Collaboration	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Is effective at presenting his/her own ideas verbally				
Is effective at presenting his/her own ideas in written form				
Relates well to others when working				
Contributes to the group process in a positive manner				
Is open to the ideas of others				

(Teacher Impressions, Cont.)

Approach to Learning	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Demonstrates a high level of integrity in the classroom and school				
Is respectful of individual and cultural diversity				
Shows empathy				
Is focused and self-directed				

Social Emotional	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Following a series of directions				
Seeking help when needed				
Imagination				
Maturity				
Integrity				
Initiative				
Stability				
Sense of humor				
Self confidence				
Consideration of others				
Social adjustment with peers				
Respect of authority				
Response to criticism				
Appropriate handling of anger				
Self -control				
Following classroom rules and routines				

Family Information	Excellent	Good or Above Average	Fair or Average	Limited or Poor
Open communication with your school				
Participation in school functions				
Cooperation with school rules and policies				
Participation in child's education				
Has realistic expectations for child				

(Teacher Impressions, Cont.)

Kindly respond to the following.

1. Are there any academic concerns? _____

2. Are there any social or emotional concerns? _____

3. Are there any disciplinary concerns? _____

4. Are you aware of any health or medical issues? _____

5. Describe the student's personality: _____

6. What are the student's strengths? _____

7. What are the student's weaknesses? _____

8. Do you feel this child is well prepared for the enrolling grade? (See page 1) _____
9. Does the applicant have an IEP, 504, or Service Plan? _____
10. Are there other comments you have regarding this student? _____

If there is any additional information that would be better conveyed in a phone conversation, please indicate so and we will be glad to contact you. YES _____ NO _____

