

STEM RECOMMENDATION

ABBOTT LAWRENCE ACADEMY RECOMMENDATION FORM

The person filling out this form should be a **STEM teacher** capable of speaking to the characteristics of this discipline. Please return this form in a sealed envelope to **your middle school guidance office**. If you prefer, you may drop off the sealed envelope at the ALA office.

Recommendations must be received by **Friday, January 10, 2020** to be considered.

Applicant Information:

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# (if LPS student) _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Your Name: _____

Title/Role: _____

How long and in what capacities have you known this applicant?

Has the student taken Honors-level classes before? Yes _____ No _____ Not offered _____

If "No" or "Not Offered," is the student capable of Honors-level classes? Yes _____ No _____

Please explain your answer.

Please list all math classes this student will have completed by the end of the current academic year.

Evaluation:

Please use the rubric below to evaluate the applicant on the following characteristics and skills in relation to the other students in their grade level. For each characteristic or skill, please place a checkmark under the appropriate score.

Category	No basis	Below Average	Average	Good (above average)	Very Good (well above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	Outstanding (top 5%)	One of the top few I've encountered in my career
Characteristics								
Academic Motivation								
Effort								
Maturity Level								
Study Habits								
Independence								
Leadership								
Classroom Conduct								
Integrity/Honesty								
Citizenship								
Determination								
Collaboration								
STEM Skills								
Problem Solving								
Mathematical/Scientific Reasoning								
Willingness to accept the challenge of difficult problems								
Curiosity								
Persistence through challenging problems								
Willingness to explore								

Please choose one category from the chart and provide specific anecdotal evidence to describe how the student demonstrates **STRENGTH** in this characteristic or skill.

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Even the best students have room to grow. Please choose one category from the chart and provide specific anecdotal evidence to describe how the student **CAN IMPROVE** in this characteristic or skill.

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Category: _____

Please describe this student's emotional stability and their ability to handle stress and work under pressure.

How has this student demonstrated grit (perseverance in the face of challenges) both in and out of the classroom?

Do you believe this student is a strong candidate for an academically-rigorous STEM program? Why or why not?

Do you have any reservations about this student attending Abbott Lawrence Academy? Why or why not?

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____