



**Learning for life.**

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in San Diego Jewish Academy. We know that choosing the right school for your child is among the most important decisions you can make. The SDJA Admissions office is here to assist you as you make that decision and support you throughout the application process. Welcome!

For 35 years, SDJA has been a premier independent Jewish day school educating students (and their families!) to reach their fullest potential. Through close attention to each student's learning profile, our children develop and grow in a rigorous academic environment that always focuses on the whole child. Students benefit from experiencing joy in their learning and in being part of a supportive social and emotional environment that prepares them well for college and beyond. Our graduates are overwhelmingly accepted into their first or second choice of colleges and universities, and many have gone on to distinguish themselves in national and international competitions in science and technology.

Our school has a deeply engaging curriculum, giving students a strong foundation in both core academics and in Jewish literacy. Faculty members are chosen for their mastery of teaching and their love of students. They continue to evolve here at SDJA, incorporating innovative and creative teaching in their classrooms. In this environment, students become critical thinkers, confident in their abilities and encouraged to develop their own talents and passions for changing the world. Simply put, our graduates are future focused.

An education at San Diego Jewish Academy is an investment in your child's future. We hope to take that journey with you.

If you have any questions, please call our Admissions office at 858-704-3716. We'd be happy to talk with you about your future at SDJA.

Sincerely,

Leslie Cohen Kastner  
Director of Admission  
lkastner@sdja.com  
858-704-3716

## Maimonides Upper School Grades 6 - 12 Admission Checklist

- Complete the online application at:  
[http://www.sdja.com/admissions\\_applications.php](http://www.sdja.com/admissions_applications.php)  
Applications received by February 3, 2014 will receive priority consideration.
- Submit a non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- Request that the applicant's current school fill out the Math, English and Administrator Recommendation Forms. Please be sure to fill in the applicant's name and sign each form.
- Request that the applicant's current school send a copy of all report cards, standardized tests and academic records. Please be sure to fill in the applicant's name and sign the release.
- Submit a copy of the applicant's birth certificate or passport.
- Contact the Admissions Office at 858-704-3717 to schedule a parent tour or attend an admissions event.
- Schedule a shadow day for the applicant.
- If applicable, complete the Tuition Assistance application. Applications received by February 3, 2014 will be eligible for the first round.

The Tuition Assistance program at SDJA is available to families with documented financial need. SDJA uses the services of FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) to process Tuition Assistance applications. You can find the link for our online application and more information about Tuition Assistance at [http://www.sdja.com/admissions\\_affording.php](http://www.sdja.com/admissions_affording.php)  
**Financial need is not a factor in determining admission.** You will be notified of your Tuition Assistance award after your child is accepted to SDJA.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Admissions Office  
San Diego Jewish Academy  
Phone: 858-704-3717  
Email: [admissions@sdja.com](mailto:admissions@sdja.com)

# Current English Teacher Recommendation

**San Diego Consortium of Independent Schools**

The following member schools agree to accept this common recommendation form:

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|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Army & Navy Academy         | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop's School  | <input type="checkbox"/> The Children's School    | <input type="checkbox"/> Francis Parker School    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Jolla Country Day School | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ridge School | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego Jewish Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Soille Hebrew Day School |

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_

Please insert your child's name and give this form to the current English teacher with stamped envelopes addressed to the consortium schools to which you are applying. **Recommendations must be received by February 3, 2014.**

**Parents:** Our signatures below indicate that we understand that this confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and that we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Teacher:**

Please complete this form which will be accepted by all of the schools listed above. Feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation, and then fill out the school-specific sections for each school to which you are sending a recommendation.

### Academic Qualities

		No Opportunity to Observe	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
	Reading Comprehension							
	Effectiveness of Writing							
	Development of Ideas							
	Study Habits							
	Attention Span							
	Ability to Work Independently							
	Motivation							
	Intellectual Aptitude							
	Intellectual Curiosity							
	Critical and Abstract Thinking Skills							

### Personal Qualities

		No Opportunity to Observe	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
	Creativity							
	Self-Confidence							
	Leadership Potential							
	Reaction to Criticism							
	Reaction to Setbacks							
	Concern for Others							
	Personal Conduct							
	Personal Integrity							
	Ability to Act Independently							
	Ability to Work Cooperatively							
	General Level of Maturity							
	Sense of Humor							

Please compare this student's academic achievement to his/her ability.

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Please describe this student's mental ability with regards to the subject of English. (Consider reading and writing skills, originality, imagination, creativity, etc.)

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Please comment on this student's study habits. (Consider initiative, industry, promptness, drive, ability to organize, etc.)

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Please comment on this student as a person. (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, respect for others, self-discipline, individuality, sense of community service, etc.)

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Other comments and remarks: (Are there any traits, good or bad, not mentioned above that are worthy of note?)

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Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation?  Yes  No  If necessary

Hours and phone number where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) and grade level(s) you taught applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Grades received \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School/Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student:	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability and Promise					
Character and Personal Promise					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments on this student's appropriateness for the school selected on the first page.

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# Current Mathematics Teacher Recommendation

**San Diego Consortium of Independent Schools**

The following member schools agree to accept this common recommendation form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Army & Navy Academy         | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop's School  | <input type="checkbox"/> The Children's School    | <input type="checkbox"/> Francis Parker School    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Jolla Country Day School | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ridge School | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego Jewish Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Soille Hebrew Day School |

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_

Please insert your child's name and give this form to the current mathematics teacher with stamped envelopes addressed to the consortium schools to which you are applying. **Recommendations must be received by February 3, 2014.**

**Parents:** Our signatures below indicate that we understand that this confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and that we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Teacher:**

Please complete the form below and return to the admissions office. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and candor.

No Opportunity to Observe	Academic Qualities					One of the Best Ever
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	
Study Habits						
Attention Span						
Ability to Work Independently						
Ability to Organize and Communicate Ideas						
Motivation						
Intellectual Aptitude						
Intellectual Curiosity						
Critical and Abstract Thinking Skills						
Follows Directions						
Shows All Necessary Steps						
Comes to Class Prepared						
Completes Homework on Time						
Handwriting Legibility						

No Opportunity to Observe	Personal Qualities					One of the Best Ever
	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	
Creativity						
Self-Confidence						
Leadership Potential						
Reaction to Criticism						
Reaction to Setbacks						
Concern for Others						
Personal Conduct						
Personal Integrity						
Ability to Act Independently						
Ability to Work Cooperatively						
General Level of Maturity						
Sense of Humor						

This student is enrolled in:  Arithmetic     Pre-algebra     Algebra     Geometry     Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section level of course:     Remedial     Regular     Advanced     Mixed-ability  
 Textbook(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Math placement for next year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please compare this student's academic achievement to his/her ability.

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Please describe this student's mental ability with regards to mathematics. (Consider ability to retain mathematical relationships and principles, drawing generalizations, applying basic principles in word problems, and relying on memory versus conceptual processes.)

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Please comment on this student's study habits. (Consider initiative, industry, promptness, drive, ability to organize, etc.)

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Please comment on this student as a person. (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, respect for others, self-discipline, individuality, sense of community service, etc.)

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Other comments and remarks: (Are there any traits, good or bad, not mentioned above that are worthy of note?)

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Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation?  Yes     No     If necessary

Hours and phone number where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) and grade level(s) you taught applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Grades received \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School/Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student:	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability and Promise					
Character and Personal Promise					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments on this student's appropriateness for the school selected on the first page.

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## Current Administrator Recommendation

### San Diego Consortium of Independent Schools

The following member schools agree to accept this common recommendation form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Army & Navy Academy         | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop's School  | <input type="checkbox"/> The Children's School    | <input type="checkbox"/> Francis Parker School    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Jolla Country Day School | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ridge School | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego Jewish Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Soille Hebrew Day School |

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_

Please insert your child's name and give this form to the Head of School, Principal or Guidance Counselor with stamped envelopes addressed to the consortium schools to which you are applying. **Recommendations must be received by February 3, 2014.**

**Parents:** Our signatures below indicate that we understand that this confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and that we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### To the Administrator:

Please complete this form which will be accepted by all of the schools listed above. Feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation, and then fill out the school-specific sections for each school to which you are sending a recommendation.

### Applicant Information

		Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
No Opportunity to Observe	Academic Achievement						
	Conduct						
	Integrity						
	Consideration of Others						
	Social Adjustment with Peers						
	Stability						
	Attendance						

### Family Information

		Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
No Opportunity to Observe	Communication with School				
	Attendance at School Functions				
	Cooperation with School Rules				
	Cooperation with Faculty/Administration				
	Fulfillment of Financial Responsibilities				
	Participation in School Community				
	Participation in Child's Education				

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student ever been subject to any disciplinary action while attending your school? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please share with us your observation about this student's academic ability, work habits, relationships with peers, classroom behavior, attitude, and emotional maturity.

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Please comment on this student's contribution to your school community and potential for leadership.

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Please comment on the parents' expectations for their child. Please explain the way in which the family supports their child and the policies of your school.

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Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation?  Yes  No  If necessary

Hours and phone number where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School/Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student:	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability and Promise					
Character and Personal Promise					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments on this student's appropriateness for the school selected on the first page.

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