

## **ISAAGNY Form Instruction Sheet**

We greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete this form, as we recognize that this is an added responsibility. It provides one way of getting to know the student and is reviewed with the understanding that students are constantly changing and developing. We place particular value on your observations of classroom behavior.

Preparers and recipients are expected to maintain the information in strict confidence. Preparers and recipients are prohibited from sharing this information with parents/guardians/students, and ISAAGNY does not provide this information to parents/guardians/students unless required by subpoena or court order.

This instruction sheet is designed to provide guidance as you complete the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:inquiry@isaagny.org">inquiry@isaagny.org</a>.

We recognize that <u>ISAAGNY</u> (Independent School Admissions Association of Greater New York) is made up of many member schools, each of which has its process and application software platform. As a result, you may receive multiple requests to complete the same form. Please check with the applicant's family if you have any questions about where the forms need to be submitted.

- We suggest you submit this form no earlier than November 1 so that you have time to get to know the student before completing this form. Your assessment should be based on who they are in your class this year.
- If you cannot speak to the student's current performance or are not currently teaching the student, you are likely not the appropriate person to be completing the form (the exception is those filling out the General Recommendation form for Middle/Upper School applicants).
- When completing the form, please keep in mind the student's relative age within their class cohort.
- Please provide a candid assessment of the student's ongoing development, strengths, and areas with room for improvement.
- If you are unsure of the answer to a question, please indicate that and add more notes at the end of the section.
- We highly recommend saving a copy of the completed version of this form just in case there are technology glitches.
- The comment boxes are very helpful to admission offices. Please provide specific examples. We would appreciate 3-4 sentences in each comment box. Please focus your comments on the most recent observations of the child's progress, skills, and development. Include any useful anecdotes that would help to highlight the child's strengths and personality.



## **CONFIDENTIAL General Evaluation**

We greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete this form. It provides one way of getting to know the student and is reviewed with the understanding that students are constantly changing and developing. Our intention is to establish a dynamic understanding of the student, and your observations and descriptions are essential in this process. Preparers and recipients are expected to maintain the information in strict confidence and to refrain from sharing it with students, parents, or guardians.

Applicant's Name:		Applying for Grade:							
Birthdate:	Current School:								
		Phone:							
How do you know this applicant?									
How long have you known this applicant?									
What are the first three words or phrases that come to mind to describe this applicant?									
The applicant's greatest strength is:									
An area of growth for	this applicant is:								

To the best of your ability, please rate the student in each of the following areas:

Academic achievement  ☐ No basis for assessment	Poor	Fair	Good	Outstanding
Ability to express ideas verbally  No basis for assessment	Limited	Has some difficulty	Good	Exceptional
Daily preparation & study habits  ☐ No basis for assessment	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Follows directions  ☐ No basis for assessment	Rarely	Needs much explanation	Occasionally needs help	Quickly and effectively
Classroom conduct  ☐ No basis for assessment	Frequent disruptions	Occasional misconduct	Usually good behavior	Good conduct
Attention & level of engagement  No basis for assessment	Easily distracted	Occasionally distracted	Usually good focus	Exceptional focus & engagement
Motivation & initiative  ☐ No basis for assessment	Low	Occasionally evident	Evident	Exemplary
Seeks help when needed  ☐ No basis for assessment	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always
Reaction to criticism/feedback  No basis for assessment	Defensive	Ignores criticism	Developing	Uses criticism to improve
Participation in discussion  ☐ No basis for assessment	Wants to dominate	Rarely contributes	Quiet but actively engaged	Joins in readily
Ability to work independently  ☐ No basis for assessment	Has great difficulty	Needs help frequently	Needs help occasionally	Always works well
Ability to work in a group  ☐ No basis for assessment	Has great difficulty	Sometimes has difficulty	Usually effective	Always works well
Curiosity  ☐ No basis for assessment	Limited curiosity	Occasionally evident	Frequently evident	Consistently evident
Creativity  ☐ No basis for assessment	Limited creativity	Occasionally evident	Frequently evident	Highly developed

Maturity  ☐ No basis for assessment		Immature		Occasionally immature		Appropriate for age		Highly developed
Integrity with peers/teachers  ☐ No basis for assessment		Rarely		Occasionally		Usually		Always
Self-confidence  ☐ No basis for assessment		Appears overly confident		Needs much reassurance		Needs some support		Positive self
Social relationships with peers  No basis for assessment		Relates poorly		Has occasional problems		Usually relates well		Healthy relationship
Interactions with adults  ☐ No basis for assessment		Interacts poorly		Has occasional problems		Usually interacts well		Healthy interactions
Overall, I recommend this individual:								
As a student:  ☐ No basis for assessment		With reservation		Fairly strongly		Strongly		With great enthusiasm
As a person:		With reservation		Fairly strongly		Strongly		With great enthusiasm
Please share anything else about the student you feel would be important for us to know. You may also describe extenuating circumstances related to any of the aforementioned areas above. We appreciate your thoughtful responses and will be sure to take all aspects of the student's profile into consideration.								
Best number to call should the Admission Office(s) have questions:								
Evaluator's signature:				Date:	:			