

**Mississippi State University
College of Education**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION

Applicant: Fill in your name, Student ID number, department, and major before giving this form to the educator (teacher, principal, professor, etc.) recommending you.

Name of Applicant (Please print): _____ Student ID: _____

Department: _____ Major: _____

Waiver of Access: I agree that this recommendation will remain confidential.

Signature of Applicant (Optional) _____

1. How well do you know the applicant? How long and in what capacity?
2. Please indicate your opinion of the applicant's qualifications to enter the teaching profession based on the following dispositions.

Scale

1. Unacceptable - Meets Minimal Expectations Inconsistently
2. Acceptable - Meets Expectations Consistently
3. Target - Exceeds Expectations

	No Basis for Judgment	Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Target 3
1. Responsible Behavior: Is present, punctual and prepared for classes; completes assignments in a timely manner; is dependable and cooperative; accepts responsibility.				
2. Communication Skills: Uses appropriate language; demonstrates ability to speak and write with clarity; uses standard English in writing and speaking; is a good listener.				
3. Interpersonal Skills: Shows courtesy and respect for others; works collaboratively with others; avoids disparaging or critical remarks; establishes positive rapport and appropriate relationships; shows sensitivity to others; is committed to diversity, open-minded, supportive, and encouraging.				
4. Potential Classroom Characteristics: Is fair, positive, enthusiastic, optimistic, patient, empathetic, inquisitive, and resourceful; respects individual differences; shows initiative and creativity; is dedicated to learning; exhibits caring attitude toward other students.				
5. Judgment: Is mature, exhibits self-control, reacts appropriately under stress; is flexible, adapts to change; is able to accept and express different points of view; uses good judgment; accepts responsibility for own actions.				
6. Ethical Behavior: Demonstrates truthfulness and honesty; respects intellectual property of others and avoids plagiarism/cheating.				
7. Self-Reflection: Engages in problem solving and self-evaluation; accepts constructive criticism in a positive manner; uses feedback to make improvements; strives for personal and professional growth.				

Indicate applicant's promise for success as a teacher. () Unacceptable () Acceptable () Target

Name (Please Print or Type) _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Institution _____

Address _____

Return to: Admission to Teacher Education, College of Education, Box 9710, Mississippi State, MS 39762 **OR** by Campus Mail: Mail Stop 9710 (309 Allen Hall)