

## Rekomendacijų rašymo dirbtuvės



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## Holistinis požiūris į studentų priėmimą









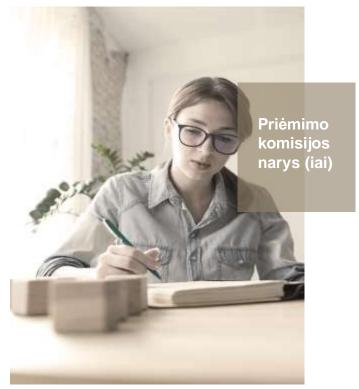




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### Kas skaito







## Rekomendacijos laiškas



"Informed academic assessment of an applicant's suitability for further study"



## Ar rekomendacijos laiškas bus skaitomas?

1	<b>Top few</b> of the recommender's career; extraordinary performance and impact in the classroom; multiple examples to illustrate an outstanding mind		
2	<b>Very strong</b> support; provides <u>clear example(s) of a fine mind;</u> wonderful contributor who elevates discussion with unique insight		
3	Strong support; excellent student; frequently adds to discussion		
4	Standard <u>positive</u> support with <u>some</u> examples		
5	Mixed comments; and/or muted support; and/or absence of examples		
6	The recommender <u>doesn't support</u> the student or writes particularly <u>negative</u> comments		



### Prieš rašant



Spalis - gruodis

Vasaris - balandis



Mokinys

Kokybė

Laikas



## Rekomendacijų tipai

Siunčiama paštu

Įkeliama internetu

Rekomendacijos blankas /Klausimai

Laisva forma

Vienam universitetui

Keliems universitetams

Mokytojo dalykininko Klasės auklėtojo Jungtinė Mokyklos administracijos

JAV specifika: Teacher/ Counselor

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#### KULTŪRŲ SKIRTUMAI

NIEKADA nerašo rekomendacijų sau

Mokytojai <u>TURI</u> rašyti rekomendacijas

Confidential

Išlaiko archyvą

Pasiruošę komentuoti ir komunikuoti su universitetais



Kiek laiko ir kokį dalyką dėsto mokytoja/-as

Universitety/ studijų programų, į kurias stojama, sąrašas

Deadline'ai

Pažymiai nuo 9 kl.

Ar manai, kad Tavo pažymiai atspindi Tavo gebėjimus? Kodėl?

Akademinių pasiekimų sąrašas ir projektai

Pasiekimų ir apdovanojimų sąrašas

Kaip prisidėjai/prisidedi prie mano dėstomo dalyko pamokų?

Kurios temos mano pamokose Tave labiausiai sudomino?

Kokiais pasiekimais mano pamokose labiausiai didžiuojiesi? Kodėl?

Kodėl pasirinkai mane kaip rekomendacijos laiško rašytoją?

Užklasinės veiklos aprašas

Ateities planai

Studijų programai svarbios asmeninės savybės (2-3)

Motyvacijos laiško juodraštis

## Informacija iš mokinio



## Laiško turinys: PRISISTATYMAS

Vardas, pavardė

Gimnazija

Pareigos, kvalifikacija

Ryšys su mokiniu (dėstomo dalyko mokytoja, klasės auklėtoja, užklasinės veiklos vadovė ir t.t.)



#### Mokinio darbas klasėje

timely, organized, creative, thorough, neat, insightful, unusual

Dalyko žinios

Motyvai mokytis

Gabumai pasirinktoje srityje

Gebėjimas dėstyti mintis raštu

Gebėjimas koncentruotis

Kiti įgūdžiai, svarbūs pasirinktai sričiai

Loginis mastymas

Iškalba

Mokinio santykis su kitais mokiniais/ suaugusiais

Ar yra mėgiamas? Ar juo pasitikima? Ar iš jo tikimasi pagalbos?

<u>Lyderystė</u>

Ar imasi atsakomybės ir lyderystės, ar mieliau vadovaujasi nurodymais? Ar geba efektyviai dirbti mažose grupėse? Ar aktyviai dalyvauja pamokos veikloje, diskusijose? Ar geba dirbti savarankiškai? Ar padeda silpnesniems mokiniams?



#### Mokinio darbas klasėje

#### If you teach English/history:

You MUST address how well they read. Complex things? Archaic things? Do they see nuance and tone and subtext? You MUST also address how well they write. Is it organized? Creative? Logical? Intuitive? Functional? Do they have a strong voice? Can they be funny? Formal?

#### If you teach math/science:

You MUST address how the student analyzes information/handles abstraction. Are they good at categorizing? At visualizing? At explaining? How do they tackle a new topic or strange problem? Think about what their homework/tests LOOK LIKE when you grade them. What does that tell you about how they think?



#### Mokinio požiūris į nesėkmes/ iššūkius/ pastabas

Ar mokinys susidūrė su akademiniu iššūkiu/ sunkumais/ nesėkme?

Ar geba priimti kritiką? Kaip reaguoja į žemesnius įvertinimus? Ar yra kada gerai susitvarkęs su iškilusiais sunkumais?

Kaip reaguoja į akademinius iššūkius? Ar ieško pagalbos? Prašo papildomo darbo?

Jei pažymiai pagerėjo, kaip tai nutiko?

Ar mokinys geba sekti savo mokymosi progresą?

Ar atsižvelgia į pastabas/ patarimus? Ar mokosi iš savo klaidų?



#### Reitingavimas

Below Average Average Good (above average) Very Good (well above average) Excellent (top 10%) Outstanding (top 5 %) Top Few (top 1 %))



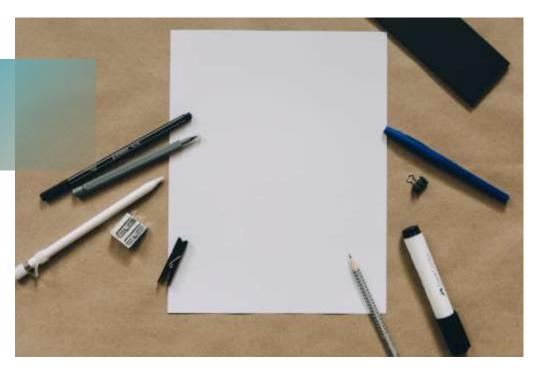
## Laiško turinys: ASMENYBĖ

Užklasinė veikla Iniciatyvumas Lyderio savybės Darbas grupėje Atsakomybė Gebėjimas adaptuotis

Emocinė branda Tikslo siekimas Kūrybiškumas Gebėjimas bendrauti Karjeros planas



## Laiško turinys: ĮGŪDŽIAI



**SKILLS** 

**Assertiveness** Responsibility **Self-management skills** Communication skills Collaboration skills Independent work skills **Critical-thinking skills Study skills** Technological skills At ease with diversity **Creative thinking** Ability to follow directions Having personal goals Being engaged **Stress management** Seeking assistance when needed



## Laiško turinys: UŽBAIGIMAS

Bendro pobūdžio frazė "[Full Name] carries my strongest recommendation."

Ką studentas "atsineš" į universitetą (ne kodėl vertas būti priimtas)

Svarbiausių savybių/ pasiekimų apibendrinimas

Galimas emocingas užbaigimas: ko išmokote iš mokinio. Sėkmės palinkėjimas ir pan.





## Writing guide for counselors and teachers



#### How counselor letters add value

Counselors provide a view of an applicant within the context of an entire graduating class and school community, addressing a student's academic achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and personal interests and goals, without repeating what is in the application.

#### How teacher letters add value

Teachers write from the vantage point of the classroom, using their firsthand knowledge of a student's intellectual curiosity, creative thought, quality of writing, class behavior, and work habits to depict the student as a scholar.



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#### **Teachers**

Anecdotes describing leadership in clubs, sports, and other pursuits in the school and community

Examples from the classroom, such as leadership during class discussions and with group projects and assignments

Ability and willingness to enhance the learning of their peers



#### **Teachers**

# Academic achievement

An explanation of the student's transcript and test scores within the context of the school and graduating class, including unusual circumstances with course selections or performance

Context for and rationale behind specific awards and honors

Counselors

Insights about classroom performance and approaches to specific projects and assignments

Topics where the student excelled or exhibited particular interest

Willingness to seek help when needed

Growth

Growth measured over the course of the high school career, including academic progress and social-emotional development and maturation

Growth over the course of the class, or since the last time the teacher taught the student, including the willingness to be challenged and learning from the experience



Eligagement	Level of involvement in school, family, and community Particular experiences that have shaped the student	Class participation, contributions to discussions, desire to engage with the learning process beyond what's expected of the class
Pagille lice	Response to challenges impacting overall academic performance Hardships and obstacles faced or overcome, such as school transfers, family situations, illness, or personal struggles	Reaction to academic setbacks such as failing a test or not understanding a concept  Response to personal challenges that may have affected attendance in class or the ability to be present and learn
Ollai actei	Personal interactions with the student and observations of how the student interacts with other students and faculty  Anecdotes that highlight empathy or concern for others	Personal interactions with the student and observations of how the student engages with peers in class discussions and group projects Willingness to assist other students





Paremti šias savybes konkrečiais pavyzdžiais

Pateikti mokinio pasiekimus ir gebėjimus lyginant su kitais mokiniais Vienas iš 5 geriausių/pažangiausių/aktyviausių

Nežymiai įpinti kritikos kuklus/atkaklumas virstantis jaunatvišku užsispyrimu, bet supranta ir pasitaiso...



## Writing effective letters of recommendation





#### Your student has a reason for asking you. Find out what it is.

By understanding your student's motivations — what they learned, how you challenged them, what they enjoyed, how they grew — you can turn an effective letter into a truly compelling one.

#### Tell a story that only you can tell.

Colleges don't need a recap of things they will read in the application. They need your unique insights on what makes that student a scholar, friend, competitor, leader, citizen, humanitarian, classmate — whatever role you see them in on a regular basis.

#### Anecdotes outshine adjectives. Always.

Storytelling is a powerful device. Two sentences recounting how a student organized a community fundraiser are infinitely more effective than a few generic leadership descriptors.

#### Colleges value candor, not perfection.

Students — and teenagers in particular — are works in progress. By offering an honest assessment of your students' strengths as well as the areas where they are working to improve, you enhance your own credibility as a recommender.

#### Make your letter about your student, not yourself.

Context is helpful. If this is one of the best students you've taught, supervised, or coached in a 25-year career, say so. But every word you use to describe your syllabus or credentials takes away from your description of your student.

#### Form letters are convenient but counterproductive.

Relying on pre-written letters or paragraphs may save time, but personalizing your letter will help you be the advocate your student needs.

#### Consider sharing your letter with a colleague before sending.

Aside from the extra proofreading safeguard, a peer review from someone else who knows your student can help ensure that what you intended to write and what you have actually written are the same thing.

#### It's okay to say no.

If you're not in a position to write a supportive letter on behalf of a student, you should say so. If you can help that student identify a recommender who might be a better fit, all the better.





## Kiti mokyklos ruošiami dokumentai



## Academic Transcript/ Record

Apimtis: 1 lapas
Mokyklinis firminis blankas
Data
Antspaudas
Parašas
Kiek metų mokinys mokėsi
Metiniai pažymiai
Planuojami laikyti brandos egzaminai
Vertinimo sistemos aprašymas
Data, kada bus išduotas Brandos atestatas





## Developing a school profile

#### What is a school profile?

A school profile is a document that provides contextual data about a high school community. The school profile may include information such as:

- · Student demographics
- · Curricular offerings
- Grading systems
- Special programs
- School policies

Counselors can upload a copy of their school profile in the profile section of the Recommender System. If your high school uses a college and career readiness platform that integrates with Common App, you will manage the school profile upload directly in the software you use. When you submit a school report for each student, Common App will include your school profile.

- · School and community facts
- School staff and contact information
- Grading system and related procedures
- · Standardized test score information (if applicable)
- Overview of student educational outcomes
- Curriculum description, including special features
- Other unique information about the school, program, or curriculum

Academic curriculum	Grading systems	Postsecondary opportunities	School community
Course listing Graduation	Grading policies	College-going rate	Community overview
requirements	Class rank	<ul> <li>College destinations</li> </ul>	Neighborhood
Curriculum overview	GPA     distribution	Standardized testing	<ul> <li>Student demographics</li> </ul>
Institutional policies		tosting	Enrollment



#### School profile tips

- · Keep it brief: Aim for a profile that's 1-2 pages long to make it easy for readers to digest.
- Advocate for your students: Consider which of the 14 elements best capture your school community and ensure those elements are included in your school profile.
- Highlight unique attributes: Even if something seems standard for your school, it's important
  for colleges to have the context.
- Add visual appeal: Opt for bullet points, graphics, and charts over paragraphs of text.
- Take care when embedding links: It's okay to provide links to helpful pages (such as the student handbook or a special program), but keep in mind that application readers may not be able to click on links. You can use shortened URLs or QR codes to ensure the links are accessible.
- Be consistent: Ensure all counselors and school officials have access to your latest school
  profile and are reporting the same data.
- Update yearly: This ensures the information you share is current.
- Make it easy to find: Publish your school profile on your school's website and use an intuitive file name that's easy to search for.



### **School Profile**



Who We Are Membership Events Resources Edu

#### **BEST PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPING A SCHOOL PROFILE**

The school profile can help a college admission officer, among other stakeholders, "decode" information about a secondary school quickly and easily. Explore best practices for developing and understanding school profiles.

#### SCHOOL PROFILES - MEMBER EXAMPLES

This online resource is intended to help secondary schools to create or improve school profiles, using examples from their NACAC peers.

#### TRUSTED SOURCES: IMPROVING SCHOOL PROFILES

School profiles are an important tool in the college admission process. NACAC has compiled this list of trusted sources to offer additional insight on school profiles and other similar counseling resources.

