

Middle School Speech & Debate Club

Teacher Recommendation Form

To the Applicant: Fill out the top section and give this form to one of your core subject teachers. Please give them at least **one week** to complete it before the application deadline.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Teacher Name: _____ **Subject:** _____

To the Teacher:

Our Middle School Speech & Debate team competes against high school programs across the area. Success in this program requires a high level of personal maturity, public conduct, independent time management, and emotional resilience.

Please take 2–3 minutes to complete this form to help us determine if this student is ready for high-stakes, off-campus competition.

Section 1: Daily Conduct & Work Ethic

Please rate the student on the following behavior metrics:

Behavioral Metric	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely / Never
Punctuality: Shows up to class on time and ready to learn.				
Responsibility: Turns in completed work on time, following instructions.				
Character & Kindness: Treats peers and school staff with respect and empathy.				
Maturity & Self-Regulation: Handles feedback, frustration, or unstructured time well.				

Section 2: Team Readiness & Coachability

1. Does this student demonstrate the maturity needed to represent our school positively at off-campus competitions alongside high schoolers?

- ☐ Yes, absolutely.
- ☐ Yes, with minor guidance.
- ☐ I have reservations (please explain below).

2. How well does this student accept constructive feedback or critique?

- ☐ Welcomes it and improves actively.
- ☐ Accepts it fine, but needs reminder to apply it.
- ☐ Tends to get defensive, discouraged, or sensitive.

Section 3: Teacher Comments

Please share any additional insight about this student (strengths, areas for growth, academic discipline, or behavioral concerns—good or bad) that will help us evaluate their fit for the team:

Teacher Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*Teachers: Once completed, please place this form in the envelope provided, seal it and return to the student or email directly to **patricia.barker@scgreencharter.org***