Counselor Recommendation Form

Student's Name ___________________________________________  Student Number____________________

Current School ____________________________________________  Year in School ____________________

Recommending Counselor:_____________________________  How long have you known the applicant? ___________

The above student is applying for the San Mateo Middle College High School program at the College of San Mateo for next semester. Students enrolled in this program, seniors and juniors from the San Mateo Union High School District, will attend CSM, taking high school-level English and social science classes. They complete their schedule with college courses. Your responses are valuable in helping the Middle College staff identify which students will benefit from and succeed in the program.

Characteristics, typical of students for whom the program was designed, are listed below. Please check any characteristics you recognize in this student:

- bright/intelligent
- shows leadership capabilities
- demonstrates artistic abilities
- seeks academic challenges
- looks to “turn over a new leaf”
- participates in class discussion
- desires more freedom or independence
- eager to join the adult world
- inconsistent in academic effort
- not performing up to perceived capability
- major discipline problem

- disaffected from high school scene and activities
- capable of performing at a higher level
- shows little/no interest in learning
- bored with limited course offerings of high school
- experiencing the struggles common to today’s teens (divorce, drugs, loneliness, etc.)
- lacks in study, organizational or time-management skills
- needs help in determining career or educational goals
- may contribute intelligent comments in class discussion, but does not follow through on homework assignments
- needs personal attention and encouragement

Please write about any or all of the comments marked above (use back of form if necessary):

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Please evaluate the student’s current performance by circling one for each category:

Attendance:  excellent  good  fair  poor

Classroom Attitude:  excellent  good  fair  poor  fluctuates considerably

Class work:  excellent  good  fair  poor  inconsistent

Potential for success in college environment (with support):  excellent  good  fair  poor

Please write about any or all of the comments marked above (use back of form if necessary):

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The San Mateo Middle College High School selection committee appreciates your time and effort. Should you have any questions or wish to speak to a Middle College staff member regarding particular issues, call the Middle College office.