

# **New Garden Friends School Parent Questionnaire – Fall 2017**

**August 2017**

**Dear Parent:**

As the senior year begins, we would like to present an opportunity for parents to reflect and write about our wonderful students. We are seeking the depth of understanding and insight that only a parent can provide, and we hope to learn even more about your student by seeing him/her through your eyes. This input will be read carefully by your student's College Counselor and used in composing a letter of recommendation. Many of your responses and anecdotes assist counselors in rounding out the complete picture of your student for the **Secondary School Report**, often required as a part of the college application. If you wish you may access this form under NGFS College Counseling for completion online.

Please complete and return this questionnaire by emailing it to your student's college counselor as soon as possible, **but no later than September 15th**. If you need to handwrite your responses, you can also deliver it to the Counseling Office **by September 15th**.

**Please make sure to identify your student's full name when you send the email.**

Thank you for taking the time to share this valuable information.

Please provide the depth we are seeking to share with a college by responding to the questions on the following page.

**Please respond to those questions that seem relevant to your student. You do not have to answer every question.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do you consider to be the outstanding accomplishments of your son or daughter during the past three or four years?
2. What does your son/daughter enjoy learning about? Have certain subjects and/or teachers been common topics at the dinner table?
3. When your son or daughter has time to read, research, or explore, are there any special interest areas where it is clear curiosity or a passion to learn are on display?
4. Has he/she initiated any projects outside of school and carried them through to completion? If so, please explain.
5. Leadership can be reflected in many ways. Is there an example of a time when your student took a position of leadership?
6. Please relate an anecdote/incident/story which best describes your son/daughter. OR What words would you use to describe your son/daughter and why?
7. In what areas has your son or daughter shown the most development and growth during high school?
8. How has an NGFS education changed your student? Have the principles of NGFS been reflected in your student's outlook or actions?
9. If you could write the first paragraph of your child's recommendation for college, what would you write?
10. What is the single most important thing you want colleges to know about your child?
11. What has been the most challenging experience your child has faced in or out of high school?
12. Are there any unusual or special circumstances that have affected your son's or daughter's educational experiences? Has he or she faced any unusual challenges through the years at home or at school? How does your child handle setbacks? Please explain.
13. What kind of college environment do you feel would best suited to your son's/daughter's needs and abilities at this time? Are there any colleges you would like your child to include on his/her application list? Why?
14. Please comment if any of the following items are a priority in college selection. Please make note if you have a preference for your student in any of the following categories.
  - a. Size of school -

- Location -
- Student body characteristics -
- Academic programs -
- Social life -
- Campus (city, suburban or rural) –
- Other-

**Please include anything else you are moved to say about your child? Is there anything else you would like to emphasize in telling your child's story to a college?**

**EMAIL THESE RESPONSES TO Lore Fariss at [lfariss@ngfs.org](mailto:lfariss@ngfs.org) by September 15th.**