

Math Models
Letter of Introduction

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____

You are going to write a letter to me telling me about yourself. Make each segment of questions a separate paragraph. Since this is a letter, you must begin with "Dear Mrs. Nesrsta" and remember to sign your name. Print your name under your signature and state your class period. Please make sure that your final copy is easy to read. You may type it if necessary. Turn in this page as your cover page.

1. Your background. Where were you born? Where else have you lived? How long have you lived in the Deer Park area? Do you have any health problems that I should know about? If yes, what are they? Tell me about your family. Do you have any siblings? How old are they? Who do you live with? What can you share about your family? What language do you speak at home? Do you have a computer at home? How do you get to school (my car, bus, parent, friend)?

2. Interests. What school activities are interested in or involved in? Do you work? If so, where and how many hours per week? What are your interests outside of school? What type of music do you listen to? What things do you like the most? What things do you like the least? What accomplishment in your life (in or out of school) are you most proud of?

3. Student type. What are you like as a student? How do you usually behave in class? How would you describe your personality in class and out of class?

4. Education opinion. How do you feel about school and learning? What previous math and science classes have you taken in high school? How do you feel about the math classes that you've taken? Why? What has helped you learn math in the past? What did you like best about your math class last year? What have you liked the least? Do you like to work out of the textbook, do worksheets, participate in hands-on activities, play games, work in groups, etc.?

5. Math class history. Explain why you are taking this Math Models class. Other than passing, describe something you would like to accomplish in this class. What are your weakest skills in math? What are your strengths? Thinking back to the last few years in math classes, describe why you may or may not have been successful at a particular assignment. Describe one good experience and one bad experience.

6. People interactions. How do you like to be treated? How is it easiest to get along with you? With what types of teacher do you really connect? What behavior in a teacher really bothers you?

7. Suggestions. What can I do that will be the most interesting or helpful to you (considering that I have to teach you the assigned curriculum)? Is there any other advice you would like to give me? Are there any questions you would like to ask me? Is there anything else you can tell me about yourself that might help me be a better teacher to you?

8. Goals. What do you want to do with your life? What are your long-range plans in terms of education and career?