



# Riverside Poly High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Michael Neri. I have had the wonderful opportunity to be Michael's baseball coach for the past three years and it has been a pleasure to watch him flourish academically, socially and athletically. Michael is truly a young man of respect and integrity.

Michael is a junior catcher at Riverside Poly High School and has been an intricate part of the program's culture and success. As a high school coach of eighteen years, I have been around a lot of student athletes. Michael stands out among the many because of his unwavering work ethic, his ability and desire to lead, as well as his commitment to be the ultimate teammate. Michael is not only a very good baseball player, he is an even a better person.

Behind the plate Michael is an exceptional receiver who is constantly refining his craft. He commands the zone with his ability to manipulate pitches and "steal" strikes. He is respected by his pitching staff and they trust him. He takes blocking seriously and is one of the best I've been around. He has a very high baseball IQ that spreads to others in the dugout, on the field, and in the classroom. Michael has above average arm strength, he has a quick release and his throws are consistently accurate. He is an asset behind the plate.

Offensively, Michael hits in the middle of the order for us. He makes good swing decisions at the plate and has a mature understanding of the strike zone. Michael is a firm believer of going to the plate with an approach and plan. He is a smart hitter. Michael has above average bat speed and has a short, compact swing. He can hit the baseball to all sides of the field and is always working to improve. It is a pleasure to witness his work ethic in this regard.

Another thing that stands out about Michael is his academic promise. Michael is a dedicated and self-motivated student who takes his academics seriously. He shows respect to his peers, teachers and administrators. He works well with others and his final products demonstrate effort and excellence.

I am confident that Michael Neri will be an extreme asset to any college, university, or team. He is a very determined young man who will succeed in anything he puts his mind to. It is without reservation that I recommend Michael Neri for consideration. For further information please contact me at (951) 236-2733.

Sincerely,

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