

Monday, February 22, 2016.

To whom it may concern:

It is with gratitude that I write this letter of recommendation for Rahul and Sapphire Studies.

My daughter, A\*\*\*\*\* had been struggling with mathematics in school for the past few years. Even though she managed to pass her courses, she was falling further and further behind. With each new year, the material would increase in difficulty, building on what had been taught in the grade before. Because A\*\*\*\*\* never really understood the basics in the first place, it became impossible to continue to get by with a passing grade. Unfortunately, as her mother, I was not able to help because I was never a strong math student myself. I couldn't teach her what I had never understood myself.

This year in November, A\*\*\*\*\*'s grade 10 math teacher requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of moving her down to general math from applied math. Her average for the first term was only 26%. The teacher did not see how A\*\*\*\*\* could pass the course. It was hard to see my daughter resigning herself to the fact that she just couldn't do any better. She was further demoralized because she was hoping to study nursing when she went to University, but without applied math, she wouldn't qualify for the program.

A\*\*\*\*\* came home from school one day with a card from Sapphire Studies. Before making the decision to switch to general level math, we decided to try private tutoring first. I wanted to see if there was any way that A\*\*\*\*\* could turn her marks around. To be honest, I was jaded by my own math experience. I held a belief that some people are just good at math and others are not. I didn't think it was possible to significantly change that fact.

It has been a hard road for A\*\*\*\*\*. There have been times where she couldn't understand a concept and wanted to give up on herself, but with Rahul's constant encouragement, varied teaching methods and pressure to persevere, A\*\*\*\*\* has not only moved up to a passing grade, but she actually got a 96% on her last pop quiz. A\*\*\*\*\* is so proud of herself. Her mindset has changed to believe that if she can exceed in math, then she can exceed in anything!

I am so proud of A\*\*\*\*\*! She is so confident now, that she is even asking Rahul to go beyond what the class is learning, so that she can have the understanding even before the new material is taught.

Rahul has a direct line to A\*\*\*\*\*'s math teacher, so it makes it easy for him to know what is coming up and to help him to prepare sample tests to get A\*\*\*\*\* ready. A\*\*\*\*\*'s teacher is amazed at A\*\*\*\*\*'s improvement and has praised Sapphire Studies herself.

A\*\*\*\*\* no longer has a fear of writing tests because of her great success. As her mother, I no longer believe that math intelligence is inherent. Everyone can learn if given the right circumstances. It makes me wonder what path my life might have taken if I had been tutored as a high school student. I stayed clear of anything even remotely mathematical in my studies.

I am so grateful to Sapphire Studies because now A\*\*\*\*\* can chose any path for her life. The sky is the limit. What an unmeasurable gift I have been able to give my daughter!

Thank you Sapphire Studies!

Sincerely,  
Lesley B\*\*\*\*\*

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