



Seaside High School
*Preparing All Students for a
Productive Future*

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Tom Welter, Executive Director
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RE: Dakota Stark Eligibility Request

Dear Mr. Welter:

The purpose of this letter is to advocate for an eligibility hardship for Dakota Stark for the Fall 2015 season. Dakota is currently on an IEP and is expected to make satisfactory progress towards his goals and graduation.

After spending a number of years living with his father, Dakota moved to live with his mother in Seaside in the summer of 2014. Dakota enrolled at Seaside High School as a freshman in the fall of 2014. Dakota participated in football during his freshman season, however, was dismissed from the team for a violation of team guidelines (he had some unexcused absences from practice). Additionally, there was turmoil in the home with his move to Seaside and Dakota was sent back to Idaho to live with his father in the middle of the fall term. Dakota was not awarded any credit at Seaside High School in the fall because he left well before the end of the trimester.

Dakota then returned to Seaside in the Spring and enrolled during April. At that time, Dakota's IEP team determined it would be best to reduce his schedule and enroll him in three classes to finish the school year. Dakota completed and passed all three classes. Despite numerous requests, Centennial High School in Meridian, Idaho has failed to send his cumulative folder with his academic records. I did call to request them myself after Kodie told me they would not give him his grades until he served his detentions for being tardy. I was skeptical when Kodie shared this with me, however, upon speaking with an administrator myself from the Idaho school, he confirmed that they would not send grades until Kodie served his detentions. The administrator gave Kodie the option of returning to Idaho to serve the detentions or allow us to administer the detention. Kodie served those detentions at Seaside High School and we are now awaiting his updated transcript from Idaho.

I have noticed a significant change in Kodie since the beginning of his freshman year. With continued guidance from his coaches and teachers I believe Kodie will be successful and be the first person in his immediate family to earn a high school diploma.

Please also allow this letter to serve as a release of any school records that the OSAA may need to rule on eligibility.

Regards,

Jeff Roberts, Assistant Principal