

August 18, 2015

Mt. Hood Conference District Committee:

This letter is in reference to Isaac Acosta. Isaac will be a sophomore this upcoming school year at Reynolds High School. He was previously enrolled at Centennial High School. This past summer, Isaac transferred to Reynolds via Open Enrollment. Isaac is hoping to participate for the Reynolds Football team but is currently ineligible under **OSAA Rule 8.6 (Transfer to School with Affiliation without change of Joint Residence)**.

Isaac grew up in the Reynolds School District, attending school here from 4th to 8th grade. When Isaac was in 8th grade, his family was awarded a Habitat for Humanity house. The house was located in the Centennial School District. Isaac's family made the difficult decision to leave the Reynolds School District and enroll Isaac at Centennial High School for his freshman year.

During his time at Centennial, Isaac had a rough time adjusting. All of his friends were back at Reynolds. He did not know anyone at Centennial and had a difficult time making friends. He experienced frequent bullying and at times, racism. Isaac made the baseball team with hopes that things would improve, but unfortunately they didn't.

In late May, 2015, Isaac's family decided that they were going to transfer him back to the Reynolds School District so that he could attend Reynolds High School for his sophomore year. When they applied for the transfer, they were under the impression that the transfer was going to be an Inter-District Transfer, which would allow Isaac to participate in athletics at Reynolds. When they were notified that the transfer was approved, they were still under the impression that this was an Inter-District Transfer. The document they were given from the Reynolds School District even states "Results for an Inter-District Transfer" at the top and a little further down "granted" is in bold. (see attached). However, when you look at the document closely states "Open Enrollment", so it could understandably be confusing to families. When Isaac's family expressed confusion with the document, someone at the District office told them that Isaac will be eligible to play sports at Reynolds. They took that as accurate information.

Unfortunately, the information that they were told was not accurate. When clearing Isaac to participate for football, it was brought to my attention that this was not an Inter-District Transfer, but an Open Enrollment Transfer, making Isaac ineligible to participate in sports for a calendar year.

Isaac is ineligible through no fault of his own. He is trying to get out of a bad situation at Centennial by returning to Reynolds, where he's more comfortable. During his return process, he was given bad information regarding his eligibility. His transfer is not athletically motivated. As an educator whose main job is trying to do what's best for kids, Isaac's athletic eligibility is what's best for him and he has my full support.

It is because of the reasons listed above that I ask the District Committee to please consider and approve Isaac's eligibility for participating in football at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Isaac, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ch" followed by a stylized flourish.

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RE: Open Enrollment Application Results for an Inter-District Transfer
Isaac Acosta, Grade 10

Requested School: Reynolds High School
Home School: Centennial High School

Dear Ms. Acosta Casillas,

Your request to transfer under State Bill HB 3681 Open Enrollment has been **granted** for Isaac Acosta to attend Reynolds High School in the Reynolds School District beginning in the Fall of 2015.

This Open Enrollment approval allows your student to permanently attend Reynolds High School through the highest grade and also feed to its respective feeder school through graduation. You will no longer need to apply for a transfer for this student in future years unless you wish to change schools. Transportation will be limited to the current bus routes within our district boundaries.

OSAA student athletes will need to contact OSAA at 503.682.6722 for guidance on athletics and activity eligibility as a result of the transfer.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hopper
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosure: OSAA Guidance

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cc: Centennial School District
Reynolds High School