

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform you of the circumstances, that brought us to the current situation. My son Kayden Demoss is a wonderful, outgoing, funny kid. Who I love and respect very much. He passed all his classes last term, and had all most perfect attendance. All of his teachers spoke very highly of him. He also received an award in Science. That only a limited number of kids received. He has been working really hard to succeed in school, and at home. His family is very proud of him.

Unfortunately, this was not always the case. My son had a very hard time his 9th grade year. I wish I could take this year back and give him a redo. Kayden had become very addicted to drugs. His father and I did not realize, until it was almost to late. When it became very clear that kayden needed some very serious help. We did just that. Found him some help. It was in northern Oregon, and cost a great deal of money. Money we did not have, but had to come up with for our sons life. He spent almost 1 year in the program. The family had to travel once a week to do intensive family therepy with Kayden. The focus was on drug recovery, not education. To be honest it was a good thing. Kayden was not in a place where he could even focus on his education. His focus needed to be on being clean, staying clean, and learning the skills to make it happen. Kayden successfully completed this program, and returned home.

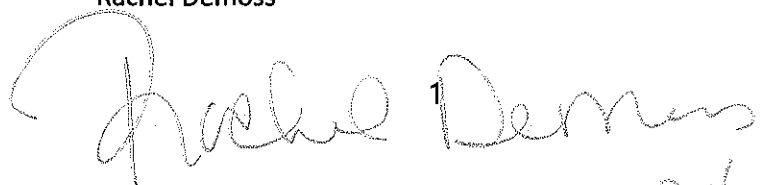
At which time we moved to Elmira to give him a fresh start. We also enrolled him at the Stepping Stones school. Where he was able to do some credit recovery. But, not enough to get back all the credits he needed for 9th grade. This is why he is currently short 2 credits.

Please allow my son to play football this year. Despite the lack of credits needed to make him eligible. He has made great changes, and I want him to continue on this path. I do not want him to continue to pay for his mistakes. He has put in the time and done the work to move forward. He showed the school and I that he can move forward. That he is a productive member of Elmira High School. He needs to continue being involved in school activities that he loves. Along with being surrounded by good kids that have the same goals.

Being involved in sports has been the best thing for Kayden. He has made some great friends and learned to trust adults. Thanks to the wonderful coaches he has been working with. Kayden will continue to work hard on his goal to graduate on time, and then join the Marines. He will not let you down if you agree to let him play.

All the Best,

Rachel Demoss



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