



South Medford High School  
1551 Cunningham Avenue  
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To: OSAA  
Hardship Committee

This letter is written in support of a hardship for Austin Cady, a sophomore, at South Medford High School. Austin is requesting the hardship so that he would be allowed to become a part of our football program. You will find attached Austin's transcript, the eligibility request form, a letter supporting him from his parent and a personal letter from him.

Austin is seeking a grade deficiency. As he explains in his letter, due to illness and family issues he was unable to attend. As explained in his parent letter, things have been quite difficult within the family unit that has caused unforeseen problems for Austin resulting in a grade deficiency and not earning enough credits to be eligible to participate. This took place during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2014-15 school year. They also addressed that the fact that he did not attend summer school which could have been a means for him to earn credit toward his eligibility. Given the circumstances as they are, we would support a hardship granting Austin eligibility to play football this year. In doing so, we would do a weekly grade check with Austin to make sure that he is attending his classes and passing. If either do not occur we would make him immediate ineligible.

Hopefully, enough evidence has been provided and a plan to monitor Austin in his progress towards graduation, will be enough for you to grant the hardship. Any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dennis Murphy at 541-842-1406.

Sincerely,  
  
Damian Crowson  
Principal

  
Dennis Murphy  
Athletic Director