

Letter of Explanation – Parent/Guardian

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Date: 9-2-15

To: OSAA/District Committee

From: Patricia L. Cooley

Please Print – Parent/Guardian

Patricia L. Cooley

Signature

The following questions need to be answered to the satisfaction of the principal, athletic director, and the OSAA or district committee. Explain thoroughly.

1. How is it that the student finds themselves in this situation?
2. Why should an exception be made to the eligibility rules in this case?

1. Takoda has been on a 504 plan due to Severe Acid reflux and Anxiety/ depression disorder. In the past years he has worked hard and been able to keep up to be eligible. At the end of last year he had moved in with his father to focus solely on school and his grades. (he was at minnow) His plan was to bring his grades up and return to West HS his senior year to play football, he had gotten most all his grades from F's to A,B,C's. His depression/anxiety disorder ~~got~~ got very bad and he attempted suicide. At that point he was Admitted Inpatient in Portland and had to meet with a Psychologist 3 times a day once he was out. ~~He~~ He was unable to recover his grades from the long time he was out at the last 2-3 weeks before finals. His disorder is caused primarily from the trauma he endured when his step-father whom he was very close to beat me (his mother) and killed himself while the children were home. He still struggles with night terrors. He is meeting with a Psychologist & getting treatment.

2. I ask that you allow him to play this year ~~as~~ the Football Team and Coaches are such a bright spot in his Life. They are like his Family & School. He has been working at Hawaiian Time, putting in many hours trying to get Work credits. He plans on taking this year & turning it around- he wants to graduate and football is very important to him. I feel he needs his "Football Family" to help him stay motivated to push thru his depression & Anxiety disorder & overcome. I beg you to PLEASE allow my Son to play- I believe it will be a big part of whether he stays in school & graduates. Thank you for your consideration

Patricia O'Callaghan