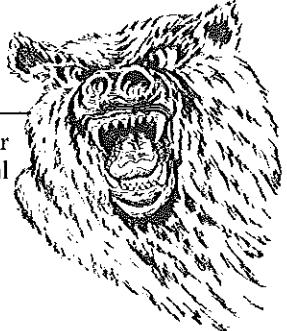


Athletic Department
ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

KARL KEMPER, Athletic Director
Assistant Principal



September 1, 2015

Dear Mr. Welter:

Please consider granting eligibility for Ralph Andrew Stark to be able to participate in athletics for the 2015-16 school year. Andrew is currently ineligible due to the fact that he has currently earned a total of 20.38 credits entering his junior year at Ashland High School, leaving him just short of the minimum 21 credits required for eligibility.

Andrew has had many challenges being academically successful in high school due to behavioral issues and struggles to both understand and complete assigned classwork. He is on an IEP and we have moved him into a special program to give him extra support as of second semester last year. He will move full-time into the program this year and we believe that this extra support will help him to get on track to graduation.

Andrew is the only child of a busy single mother and they have been challenged in many ways. She has had many disagreements with school staff about what she believes is best for her child. After working with her extensively the past two years, it appears that we now have a plan in place that we can agree on that will give him the support that he needs.

Andrew is a solid and committed athlete. One thing that history tells us for sure about his school experience is that his attendance, behavior, motivation, and effort are dramatically improved during the time he is involved in a sport as opposed to when he is not involved in a sport. Simply put, without athletic involvement, we would predict that is extremely unlikely that this young man would graduate from high school.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Karl Kemper