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Dear Athletic Director

I am entering my senior year at HRVHS and have recently signed up for Cross Country and was told that I cannot participate because of a “no grade” on my 2<sup>nd</sup> semester transcript of last year. This is the only thing that is voiding my eligibility. I would like to explain the reason for the “no grade” and ask for permission to participate in the current season.

Last school year, in January, on the Sunday before second semester finals, I suffered a severe concussion while skiing for HRVHS. The concussion had many profound effects on my cognitive ability's which basically made it impossible to perform academically what's so ever. Before my concussion I had a solid 3.6 GPA which I had achieved through mostly honors classes, in about 6 months of school it dropped by .5 to a 3.1, which was very disappointing. Even though I had a neurologist write a letter to the school explaining that I would not be able to perform well on tests and requesting that special accommodations be made for me through the period of my recovery, little was done. So, I grinded away at my classes with a brain injury leeching away at my neurological ability's. Giving all my effort I managed to pass the majority of my classes but had to ask for an extension on my Extended Application Project. The request for an extension leaves me able to turn in my Project at the end of the next semester in my upcoming senior year, but, it leaves you with a “No Grade” on your transcript. This “No Grade” is the rendering me from participating in a school activity, so please will you make an exception in your policy and let me enjoy the upcoming session of Cross Country.

I enjoy representing HRV and being a role model for underclassman and hope to be able to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

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