

Letter of Explanation – Parent/Guardian
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Date: 9-3-15

To: OSAA/District Committee

From: April Lara
Please Print – Parent/Guardian

April Lara
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?

April Lara

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been made aware to me and my husband that there are OSAA eligibility requirements that have to be met in order for a youth to play soccer in high school. I would like to offer an explanation as to why an exception exists in this particular case and that we as a family made completely honest and conscientious decisions in regards to our son's transfer from West Salem High School to Salem Academy and back to West Salem again. We have been living at the same above referenced address for over four years which resides in the West Salem school district. At no time was any malice of intent undertaken- we simply wanted to do what was best for both our son and our family.

That being said, please allow me to share why my husband and I pulled our son Jesus Roman Lara out of West Salem High School in February this year. Our son is a wonderful, intelligent boy who has been a joy to our family. We became increasingly more concerned for him when we realized that he was involved in a toxic relationship with another girl at West who was hurting him. His grades severely dropped as did his emotional welfare, and as a result we pulled him out of West Salem High School.

Salem Academy allowed us to enroll him mid semester because of the situation, for which we were very grateful. We were amazed at how incredibly well he responded to the new environment. His grades remained very high through his time at Salem Academy and he was very happy, as well.

Unfortunately, attending a private school has a very high tuition and in spite of our desire to place all three of our sons in Salem Academy we had to be realistic about how such an action would affect our family's budget. We decided that because our son was doing so well again emotionally and academically that he would be prepared enough to re-enter West Salem High School.

We did ultimately enroll him this school year for West Salem High and he is very excited to be back. He has expressed a sincere desire to do well this year and I know that he will. We believe that his personal situation is unique and justifies an exception to the eligibility rule. We know that Jesus would very much like to play soccer for his school this year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



April Lara