

Sophann Oum

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Dear OSAA

My name is Sophann Oum, I go to Charles A Sprague high school. I'm writing this letter today because I have been recently notified about not being eligible to play any sports and cannot play in the football game this Friday night. I was told that I was not eligible to play any sports due to being short on requirements. The new rule going into senior is you must have 17 credits going into your senior year no longer 16. As of right now I have 16.5 credits so I'm half a credit short of the new requirement. I am already going to be taking some extra classes to make sure I stay on track to graduate and the requirements for those classes. And I will be getting extra help from my coaches, teachers, school, and parents to make sure I do everything/ anything necessary to make sure I pass my classes this year and possibly in the future. I will also be checking in with my coaches and school every day to keep them updated on my grades, this will be throughout the year not just in sport seasons. I know I've made some really poor choices in the past but before this school year even started and this notice I had already decided I would do anything possible and in my power to pass my classes and make sure I will graduate with my class. The last thing I would want is going into my senior year knowing I will not be graduating with my classmates and I will be left behind, and no one wants to be that person. It is no one's fault but my own and I have no one to blame but myself and I know that, but I'm willing to do anything and everything possible to make sure that stuff does not happen again. I would also like to add that if it wasn't for my coaches, and sports I really don't know where I'd be right now in life. I don't even know if I would even be in school right now if it wasn't for sports. Sports have helped me so much throughout my life and I love sports so much. And I want to continue doing them. It has made me a better person on and off the field. Sports mean everything to me and I have already committed to my team and I can't let them down now. I am not just doing it for them or my parents or myself but also for my friend/ teammate that has recently passed away. He was like family, another brother I would say and he would have

not wanted me to let anybody down or him down as much as I don't want to let him down or anybody else that's help me threw out the years. That want me to succeed in life and accomplish my goals. My senior year is already hard enough knowing that I cannot fail any classes and my whole family is expecting me to do well and graduate and that he won't be walking down the halls or walking with me at graduation. And I need sports to help accomplish all this stuff. So please I'm asking if you would please allow me to play sports again. Thank you for your time and I hope you have a wonderful day thank you.

Sincerely,

Sophann Oum