

To whom it may concern:

08/17/2015

RE: hardship request

I am writing this letter to ask for an exception for my son Johnny Stevenson who is a learning disabled senior at Reynolds High school. Johnny has suffered from childhood depression and Asperger's and has been on an IEP since first grade. This last year Johnny was hospitalized and received day treatment through Morrison family center and Lifeworks due to his depression from his anxiety and depression from the domestic violence he lived through in the home. I am a survivor as his mother, I did everything I could in my power to keep the abuse away from my children, I was very ill and unable to leave due to financial reasons. Johnny saw and heard things that have a lasting effect on him, with having his disability on top of the stressors at home the last 2 years have been very hard on us all. Johnny has taken on a huge roll in assisting in the care of his younger siblings as I am a single mother of 5 now working two jobs, there were days his brothers busses were late and he missed his bus and we had no money for bus fare. I am very sad for the crisis we have endured but we are working every day to become stronger and healthy from our violence we lived through. While my son was never abused he was severely affected by the abuse he witnessed with me. I am thankful we are free receiving counseling and I am working Full time to support my children and my tumor is gone. Please understand that football is the normality that keeps Johnny feeling like the other kids, it would be another disappointment in his life for him not to be a part of the team. We have a plan in place to assist with the IEP team to get the credits he needs to keep him on track for graduation.

Thank you for your understanding

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