

Hi my name is Johnny Stevenson, I am 17 and I AM A Senior at Reynolds High School. I have been in special education all my life and on an IEP. I know I have learning disability so my mother is assisting me in writing this letter but I am telling her my thoughts. I understand that I missed school last year and that caused me to loose credits. I will work hard this year to reach my goals and make up the credits I missed. I have 4 younger brothers that I help my mom care for and sometimes I missed school because I had to dress and feed them and get them to school and we had no bus money. I was in a mental health program for teens for depression to help me deal with the pain of watching my mom get abused for so long. My mom is a good mom and she loves us, I know that she does the best she can working and paying the bills. Last year her car was stolen and we had to walk and take the bus, this was hard as there is not a bus line that can get me to school if I missed my bus and multiple busses make me confused and feel unsafe. I have learned a lot from my counseling that I will always be a kind patient person, I will be a good man one day to my own family and I will never hurt anyone like my mom was hurt. I plan on graduating and going to college, I plan to do a few ride along's this year with Fairview Police and learn what careers are out there for me. I know I do have some limitations due to my Asperger's but I know I want to be a High School graduate and a hardworking man to make myself successful and my mom proud. Please allow me a chance to play ball it's been my favorite sport and hobby since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, it takes my mind of hurt, stress and pressure in my life. I will be working all year on attendance and education to graduate on time. Thank you

Sincerely,

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