



Westview High School

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Dear Oregon School Activities Association,

I am writing this letter in strong support of Kalen Valdriz's eligibility for Football. I have worked closely with Kalen as his school counselor to support his academics and attendance. Kalen really struggled last year and I truly believe it was because of his lack of connection to school through sports or academic classes he enjoys.

I have had many conversations with Kalen about his lack of drive in school and it always comes down to him not seeing a reason to care about his classes. However, if one looks at his performance historically he has done better during fall semester when he had to keep his grades up for sports. Kalen also does well with continued support from people within the school. Playing football gives him great connections to positive role model peers and many teacher/coaches who support and encourage his academics. Kalen is also taking Culinary Arts this year which is his favorite subject and keeps him engaged in school. In addition, this year Kalen is working towards graduating in June which has already jumpstarted his motivation. This past summer he committed to giving up some of his precious break to take a Math and English course and passed!

Kalen and I have made a plan in order to help him get to graduation. He has committed to taking a full schedule in order to earn his necessary credits. He will also earn additional credit through volunteer hours. Kalen has also committed to weekly check-ins with his teachers and the Athletic Director to help him keep on track in his classes.

Not having Football could have disastrous for Kalen academically. I worked very hard to get him to play this year for our new coach and he is now fully invested and excited about the season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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