

CENTRAL MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Amy Herbst, Principal

September 9, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Rashaan Smith is currently enrolled at Central Medford High School. He attended Summer School 2015 and completed 4 credits towards graduation. He currently needs 9.25 credits to graduate. CMHS is on a six week term enabling students to earn credits for six terms in a school year. This system should enable Rashaan to graduate at the end of this school year if not sooner. Based on Rashaan's transcript he needs to complete coursework in nine academic areas. As his counselor I will work to track his coursework to make sure that he completes required classes.

Rashaan understands that attendance is a critical factor in his success with this plan and has maintained good attendance through the summer to show his intention. Class sizes at CMHS are smaller enabling Rashaan to get the teacher support that he needs to be successful in completing coursework. Personally I know that Athletics are important to Rashaan and is his link to school. The opportunity to play Football is important to keeping Rashaan involved in his academic progress so I hope that you will consider giving him this opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Central Medford High School
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September 9, 2015

Sharla R. Draheim-Connell
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Re:RaShaans' previous letter to OSAA dtd. 8-31-2015

To Whom it may concern,

RaShaan had many family issues at his home in Washington, parents with drug and alcohol problems, abandonment issues and as a kid trying to care for his younger brother, causing him to have poor attendance and very few credits.

I have watched RaShaan mature into a responsible young man these past two years. It was his decision to remain at Central Medford High School to receive help with his academics and to earn the proper amount of credits to graduate.

RaShaan wishes to be able to play on the North Medford football team this year and also graduate having earned all the credits required.

Sincerely,

Sharla R. Draheim by Wayne A. Draheim

Sharla R. Draheim-Connell by Wayne A. Draheim.

August 31, 2015

Oregon School Activities Association
25200 Parkway Avenue Suite
Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

RE: Eligibility for RaShaan Smith
Football 2015-2016

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to ask for consideration for special circumstances for the chance to be able to play football as a 5th year Senior. I have only played football for 3 years in High School so therefore I have 1 year of eligibility left.

The counselor at Central High School in my opinion was inaccurate concerning my attendance as I attended regularly with only 15 days missed because of illness and the home where I was living burned down. I attended regular classes and I even enrolled in summer school to make sure that I am in line to graduate from Central Medford High School. I can make 10 credits at Central per year and I only need 9.25 which I know is doable.

When I was attending school in Washington for my Junior year my attendance was poor because I needed to be home to take care of my younger brother because my parents were both doing drugs (methamphetamines) so I needed to be there to protect him. Therefore my attendance was very poor. My Father abandoned the family in March of my Junior year so I basically dropped out of school. In June my Mother abandoned me and left me alone. I called my Grandparents and they sent me a train ticket to come to Medford after working the DHS in Washington.

When I arrived in Medford from Washington I had a lot of issues from my abandonment which led to me having poor attendance and bad grades. My Grandparents tried to help but I had a very hard time coping. I had become depressed and worried about my brother every day. When my grades became so bad my counselor and the Assistant Principal suggested that I go to Central High School where I would receive more one on one help. I believe that was the best thing I have ever done for myself. When I left North Medford I only had .25 earned credits, after attending Central High School I earned 4 credits. I am certain that I will sore on returning to school. My Grandparents are very supportive and I owe a lot to them for their love and their support I don't know where I would be without them in my life and the rest of my family as well.

I would very much like to play football this year for North Medford High School for my Senior Year as it is also my plan to return after my credits are earned to be able to walk in graduation as this is a gift I will have earned for myself. My plan for my future goal is to go on to a University here in Oregon.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration into this matter.

Sincerely,

RaShaan Smith





500 Monroe Street, Medford OR 97501

Dear OSAA and NMHS Athletic Department:

9/9/2015

I am writing this letter on behalf of Rashaan Smith, student of CMHS, and football player for NMHS. Rashaan is verified as a McKinney-Vento youth and does not live with a parent or legal guardian. Under McKinney-Vento federal guideline, Rashaan is entitled equal access to school based activities/sports as long as he is otherwise eligible for participation via academics/behavior.

Please call or email if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in further detail. On a personal note, football seems to be quite important to Rashaan and deeply enriches his quality of life and gives him a reason to stay connected to academia and educational pursuits.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fallon Stewart".

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