

Dear OSAA,

My name is Joseph Garcia and I go to Sprague High School. I've been notified that I'm currently ineligible to play my senior year of football because of my credits. When I heard the news I was absolutely crushed because I love this game. I would like to inform you that I'm still on track to graduate. I have 16.5 credits and that's only half a credit from eligibility. I only need 7.5 credits to graduate and I can get 8 credits this year. That right there proves that I'm still on track to graduate. I know that my freshman year was horrible and that's nobody else's fault but mine and I realized that. I didn't want to go on the path of dropping out of high school and not having a high school diploma. So I turned it around second semester of my freshman year and passed all my classes. My sophomore year was one of my best years in high school. I only failed Geometry and a semester of English. I retook Geometry and passed both semesters. I decided to challenge myself my Junior year and take an AP and Honors class. Yes I didn't do so well in those classes but I challenged myself and that experience was more than enough. It was great because I got to experience what a college class would be like. My plan after high school is to go to Chemeketa Community College get my Associates degree and then transfer to a University and major in Psychology because I like helping people with struggles and help them get out of that struggle. I would also like to minor in Spanish because being bilingual and a therapist just gives me a bigger opportunity to help more people. I love football. I really do. This season we lost a teammate, no we lost a brother and a close friend of mine. He's the one who got me really into football and every time I'm on that field I play for not only myself but for him and my other brothers. Taking football away would just crush me it's been a big part in my life. Please let me play my senior year. I will graduate and I'll continue playing the game I love and I'll continue playing with my brothers and for my brother watching over us.

From,
Joseph Garcia