

September 10, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Ashley Shaw is a junior at Yamhill/Carlton High School. As her parent, I am aware that she has fallen behind in her school work and hasn't completed the required credits to participate in Fall Volleyball. She is currently working very hard in her credit recovery classes, so I am writing in hopes that you will grant my daughter a hardship for this season.

Her father and I struggled with allowing her to participate in sports this year for many reasons. She has more responsibilities than most all students to begin with because she has a child of her own that's nine months old, and because of this we encouraged her to focus solely on her academics the second half of her sophomore year and chose to refrain from letting her participate in any school sports. Because we required this of her last school year, I noticed her compassion for school and friendship had depleted. It wasn't until the spring time when my husband and I allowed her to participate on a co-ed softball team that I became aware of how much sports mean to my daughter. Ashley is very aware that sports are a privilege and that it takes dedication, commitment, and certain requirements to participate. I also believe that Volleyball is so much more to Ashley. To her it is an outlet, a way for her to deal with stress and other anxieties life throws at her. The volleyball team is also an extension of her family. Her team and coach are people that she respects, confides in and loves. Volleyball is also an incentive for her to keep on track with her school work. She understands that when she is participating in a sport, and doesn't keep her grades up, there are negative consequences that affect her. Therefore, it makes more sense to me to have her play.

My daughter has made choices in the past year and a half that have made it difficult to complete the required credits and be a part of volleyball. I know that she has learned from them and has come out stronger, more compassionate and dedicated than she ever has been. I believe her playing would benefit her more than not being a part of the team.

With this in mind, I hope that a hardship will be granted to Ashley. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela M. Shaw". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Angela M. Shaw