
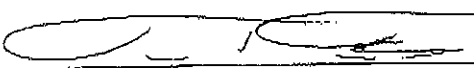


Affirmation Statement

Under penalty of perjury, I do affirm that no coach, parent, administrator, teacher, or other representative of the current school initiated contact or offered any inducements for the purpose of having the student attend the current school for athletic participation. Further, I authorize release of permanent school records to the Oregon School Activities Association.

Both signatures are required.


Parent Signature (or host family)


Principal / Superintendent

Directions

Ensure the Affirmation Statement section has both signatures. Send this printed Student Eligibility Request Form and any attached files to your District Athletic Committee. Do not send this to the OSAA office. Keep a copy for your school's records. Allow five business days for your request to be processed. Once a decision is made, the District Athletic Committee will notify your school.

Send a printed version of this form directly to your District Athletic Committee with any other printed attachments.

District Athletic Committee Decision

This section is to be filled out by the District Athletic Committee. Once a decision has been made, the committee shall contact the school regarding the outcome and forward a copy of this completed form and any supplemental materials to the OSAA office.

Derek Barnett
Chairperson's Name (print)

9-21-15
Date


Chairperson's Signature

☒ Approved
☐ Denied

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Chairperson's School & Position

Notes:

Appeals Process

Appeals of decisions made by the District Athletic Committee are heard by the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board. Appeals must be requested in writing, or e-mail, and submitted to the OSAA Executive Director.

Any party filing an appeal of a decision made by the District Athletic Committee to the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board shall be assessed a filing fee of \$100 to defray the costs to the Association of assembling the respective appeals bodies to hear the appeal.

If a waiver is denied by the OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board, an appeal can be made to a Hearings Officer under OSAA Handbook Rule 9, "Hearings Officer." Appeals to the Hearings Officer shall include an appeal fee of \$250.

For additional information, please refer to the OSAA Handbook available at www.osaa.org/governance/handbooks.



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Student Eligibility Request Form

Form ID Number
20150389

Type of Waiver

Transfer to School with Affiliation without Change of Joint Residence Hardship Appeal
OSAA Rule 8.6 - Send directly to District Athletic Committee

Submitted 9/17/2015
2015-16 School Year

Willamina High School Information

P O Box 67
Willamina, OR 97396
(503) 876-2545

Tim France, Principal
tim.france@willamina.k12.or.us

Jerry Buczynski, Athletic Director
jerry.buczynski@willamina.k12.or.us
(503) 876-2789

Student Information

Michael W Duncan

DOB: 2/20/2001

Age: 14 years 6 months (as of 9/17/15)

Current Address

Cliff & Beth Bennett
Foster Parent (Foster Mother/Father)
38586 SW Dent Rd.
Willamina, OR 97396

Last Year's Address

Same as current address

Attends: Willamina High School
Previous: Sheridan Baptist

Grade: 9

Has IEP? No

Meeting IEP? N/A

Enrollment Record

SY	GR Period	Dates	School	# Credits Earned	# Classes Passed
2015-16	9 1st Semester	9/14/15 to 9/17/15	Willamina High School	0	0

Notes

I would have brought this hardship to our league meeting on Wednesday but in talking to Cindy Simmons she felt after talking to Tom Welter they felt there was not a need to present a hardship. After rethinking it they felt that we did need to do a hardship. I will explain to the district committee.



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This statement is attached to the online Student Eligibility Request Form with ID # 20150389
Online Form ID Number (8 digits)

Both signatures required for all Eligibility Requests.

Clifford Bennett
Printed name of Parent (Host family if Non-CSIET student)

[Signature]
Signature

9-21-2015
Date

Tim France
Printed name of Principal / Superintendent

[Signature]
Signature

9/18/15
Date

How to Attach This Form to an Online Student Eligibility Request Form

You must upload and attach this completed and signed Affirmation Statement form. Follow these steps to attach this form to your online eligibility request form.

1. Print a copy of this blank form.
 2. Fill out the form on paper:
 - a. Write in the 8-digit eligibility form identification number (located at the top of your online form.)
 - b. Have each party read the affirmation statement and then sign and date the form.
 3. Scan the completed form to an electronic PDF file.
 4. Upload the electronic file to your form.
 - a. Edit your online eligibility form and scroll to the "Waiver Files" section.
 - b. Click the "Upload a File" button.
 - c. Select the file type as "Affirmation Statement Signature Form."
 - d. Browse to the scanned file's location saved to your computer and select the corresponding file for upload.
 - e. Click the "Upload" button.
- If successful, your form will show a link to the uploaded file and note that it has been uploaded.*

2095 NW Willamette Drive
McMinnville, OR 97128
September 17, 2015

Executive Board
Oregon Schools Activities Association
25200 SW Parkway Avenue, Suite 1
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Re: REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FOR WILLAMINA HIGH SCHOOL, MICHAEL DUNCAN

Dear Board Members:

First, please let me introduce myself. I was appointed by Yamhill County Circuit Judge John L. Collins in February, 2009, to be an advocate for Michael Duncan through the Court Appointed Child Advocacy Program (CASA). I am strictly a volunteer who cares about kids.

Previously in that same month, February 2009, the State of Oregon took custody of Michael Duncan and his siblings due to founded neglect and abuse of the children. The parents were heavily involved in the use of illegal drugs (methamphetamine). Since then Michael has been in seven placements, the latest of which was over three years ago when he was placed with Cliff and Beth Bennett in the Willamina School District. At the time of the placement, Michael started school in the Willamina Elementary School. However, due to his sporadic attendance prior to being placed into custody coupled with the many moves in foster care, Michael was very far behind scholastically. He could barely read and could not even do simple math. Quite frankly, it did not seem the Willamina School District had the staff and ability to start over at first grade with this high-needs boy. The bio-children of the Bennetts were attending the Sheridan Baptist Christian School. Michael expressed a desire to attend that school where he would work at his own pace and could hopefully get caught up to grade level. His parents, DHS and I supported the transition at that time.

So, here we are three years later. Michael has worked very hard and is nearly at grade level in all subjects. He has wanted all these years to be involved in organized school sports, but his foster family did not have the ability, or quite frankly the desire, to see that happen. However, as fall was approaching Michael's "team," a group comprised of DHS staff, myself, Michael's attorney, and several others who have been working with him, encouraged the foster parents and Michael to go out for football in Willamina. None of us understood the OSAA rule about students who transferred being ineligible for a period.

So now Michael has expressed a desire to return to public school, mainly in order that he can play sports. There are no sports offered at the private school. I strongly advocate that is in his best interest. Agreeing with Michael and me is his caseworker at DHS and other staff there. Consequently, DHS, as his legal guardian, made the decision that he would transfer to Willamina High School. Unfortunately, it was about three weeks after the school year began that the requirement came down from DHS and so, apparently, the transfer is being looked at as a mid-year transfer for OSAA rules.

Michael loves sports and I believe it could be the saving grace for this child to be able to play in football games and basketball as the year progresses. He needs the experience of being on a team, of all the things that go with being a member of a team. I understand the coach there is a very excellent coach

who emphasizes team work, good camaraderie, and family involvement. Michael is so ready for that kind of discipline and interaction at this time. I hope and trust you will find good cause to grant a hardship and allow this kid, who has been through so many disappointments in his short life, to play ball even though he has transferred from a non-OSAA member school to a school in which district he has been living for the past three years. I believe his circumstances are not the ones which were being considered when this OSAA transfer rule was put in place. Having had children and grandchildren in sports over many years, I have seen good cause for such a rule. This case is very different in my opinion.

Thank you so much for the good work you do, and thank you for considering the best interest of this child.

Respectfully,

MaryEllen Johnson



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

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Child Welfare, Self Sufficiency
Yamhill County DHS
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McMinnville, OR 97128-8481
Child Welfare: 503-472-4634
Self Sufficiency: 503-472-0311



9/18/15

Re: Michael Duncan

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Michael Duncan. I am supervisor with Yamhill County Child Welfare and I want to inform you that Michael was moved from Sheridan Baptist in order for him to be able to participate in activities that are not offered at Sheridan Baptist, but are offered at Willamina High School.

Sincerely,

Chad Blackman

Yamhill County Child Welfare

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