

Dear OSAA,

My name is Ernesto Mendoza I currently go to Wilsonville high school. I have been going to this school since freshman year; I am a junior this year. Freshman year was a huge struggle because I had just come from middle school it was a drastic change I was told to prepare but ignored it. My biggest problem was the lack of work I did. In addition I got distracted by my friends who I constantly talked to. I started to realize my mistake at the end of the year but it was too late by that time. The good news is that my second year with the help of my principle and parents they came up with an idea. That was giving my parents a blue sheet after every Friday that had my teacher's signatures and grade of the week so far. Which kept me quite motivated this also kept my parents and teachers very happy which I thought was great. I started to get pretty competitive that led to my friends and I seeing who could get the best grade in tests and class. Now I realize how important it is to keep good grades. I have been focusing on my education very much and appreciate the support from parents and principle. I have ever since keeping my grades good. The reason I have wanted to be involved in athletics was to hopefully be recognized by a collage and keep my study's going and have good grades to back it up. I have learned from my mistakes and am looking forward to this year's final grades to show my parents improvement. I believe I am going in the right direction of success if I keep my grades high.

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