

# PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**WILSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Office of the Principal

9/15/15

Dear Mr. Welter,

Enclosed are letters of support for Matthew Kinney and a progress check on his classes this year.

Principal Brian Chatard and I also support Matthew's hardship request.

Matthew's progress in academic attendance, football attendance, completing school work, a plan for graduation, and his attitude in general has been very significant.

If you have any questions about this case, feel free to contact us, his coach, or his counselor.

Sincerely,

Michael Easton  
Athletic Director  
measton@pps.net

Brian Chatard  
Principal  
Bchatard@pps.net

To Whom It May Concern,

9/14/15

I am writing this letter on behalf of my son Matthew Kinney to apply for a hardship with the OSAA so that he may return to competing in football.

In September of 2014, Matthew was enrolled at Wilson High School and was playing for the Freshman Football team. During a game he was injured and was knocked out for most of the season. Shortly after the injury, Matthew was diagnosed with Severe Depressive Disorder and placed on medication. The first medication created insomnia and it took awhile to find the proper medicine and dosage so that Matthew was put back on an even keel.

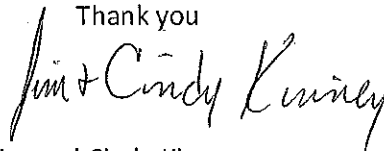
Before the right medication was figured out, our family experienced a string of 5 deaths over the following 6 months and one of Matthew's friends also committed suicide. All of this led to an even deeper depression for Matt to where he would not get out of bed, leave the house, go to school etc. This led to Matthew failing most of his classes last year.

Over the last few months, Matthew has made significant progress in all areas of his life. He is feeling better about himself and all other things. He originally was going to not return to public school or football but then decided that Wilson and the football program would help him return to being the person he was prior to all of the obstacles that had occurred.

Since his return, he has not missed any school, is maintaining his grades, is on the football team and has almost returned to being the kid he used to be. As a parent, I feel that since it has been almost a year since he was "de-railed" from the path he was on; things have almost come full circle. The only part missing is Matthew being eligible to play in the upcoming games. I feel that this would be a positive part in his continuing recovery from the depression that he has been dealing with.

What Matthew's mother and I are hoping is that this committee will see fit to grant Matthew with the hardship so that he can return to active competition in future PIL games. He has been actively working toward getting back on track and this, we feel, is the final piece that will help our son.

Thank you

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Jim and Cindy Kinney



**Brian Chatard**  
Principal

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September 14, 2015

To: Tom Welter  
Executive Director of the OSAA

Regarding: hardship for Matthew Kinney

I am writing this letter to support a hardship for Matthew Kinney. Last year Matthew had a serious concussion that effected his academics and took him off track for significant amount of time. This year Matthew is behind academically but committed to catching up.

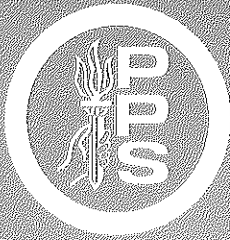
Matthew has stuck with the team regardless of being eligible or not. Matthew has come to practice each day with a positive attitude and fills in on the practice squad. Matthew is a sophomore and would be on our JV team.

I believe Football or any sport or would be a good thing for Matthew allowing him to stay engaged, with a focus on academics. High School students who participate in sports are more likely to graduate than those who do not play sports. We are hoping this will be true for Matthew also.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Duilio  
Head Football Coach  
Wilson High School



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September 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Matthew Kinney. As you know, Matthew had an extremely rough freshman year after receiving multiple concussions and being diagnosed with Major Depression Disorder. After just half a school year, he withdrew from Wilson High School last year.

This is my first year working with Matthew, but from what I can see, he's a totally different kid from last year. He's working with his doctor and taking medication to help with the depression. He's had a good start to the year, passing classes, and attending school regularly.

Due Matthew's poor grades during freshman year, we have a 3-year plan for him to make up classes during summer school, night school (when he's not playing a sport), and online classes in our Virtual Scholars program. Matthew seems motivated to succeed and I have faith in him that he will be successful.

Please feel free to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Fleming M.Ed.

Wilson High School Counselor

Jfleming1@pps.net

Portland Public Schools  
Section 504

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PLAN

NAME: Matthew Kinney

BIRTHDATE: 4/7/2000

PPS ID# 321575

GRADE: 10

SCHOOL: Wilson

Eligibility meeting date: 09/11/2015

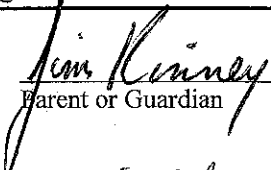
Date this form is written: 09/14/2015


1. Describe the impairment/disability under Section 504  
Major Depressive Disorder
2. Describe how the impairment/disability affects a major life activity:  
Student has difficulty concentrating and attending to the task at hand due to his preoccupation with what is going on for him emotionally.
3. Describe the reasonable accommodations necessary to address the impairment/disability which substantially limits the major life activity.
  - Reduction in length and/or number of assignments as negotiated with teachers in advance
  - Extended time on assignments as negotiated with teachers in advance
  - Student has access to pass to leave class to see counselor
4. Review/Re-evaluation Date: 09/2016

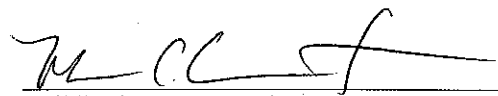
Participants in original eligibility meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Title</u>
Cindy Kinney	mother
Jim Kinney	father
Matthew Kinney	Student
Julie Fleming	counselor
Maude Lamont	VP

Signatures:

  
Parent or Guardian

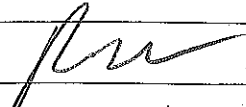
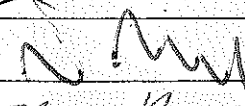
  
Counselor

  
Building/Program Section 504 Coordinator

# Academic Report for Athletics

Students need to be passing at least five classes at all times to be eligible for sports.

Student Matthew Kinney

Per	Class	Grade or %	Teacher last name	Teacher signature	Date
1	Foundation of Phy/Chem	P	Morgan		9/11
2	Guitar	P	Caldwell	Jane Fleming for Caldwell	9/11
3	Weight Training	P	Schmidt	S. Schmidt	9/11
4	History	P	Teacher has sub per Abby		9/11
5	Late Arrival	NA	NA	NA	
6	Photography	A	McCarlson		9/10
7	Geometry	B	Unpublished		9/10
8	English	B	Brooks	Nora Brooks	9/10

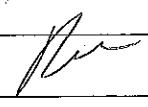
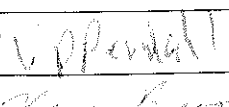
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Athletic Director signature \_\_\_\_\_

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August 24, 2015

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RE: Matthew Joseph Kinney  
MR #: 01861536 / DOB: 4/7/2000

To Whom it May Concern:

The above named person is a patient at the Oregon Health & Sciences University.

He was diagnosed with major depression disorder 10/2/2014. Has been under going treatment ever since.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric M. Wiser, MD', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

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September 10, 2015

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Disability statement:

He has been under my care for the past year in treatment for his depression. He has continued to progress. It would be beneficial for him to continue to participate in athletic events to receive the social and health benefits involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Poarch', is written over the name 'HUNTER J POARCH, MD'.

HUNTER J POARCH, MD