

NORTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLACK TORNADO

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September 21, 2015

SWC Hardship Committee,

Raphael Hernandez is a homeless student attending North Medford High School. He transferred back to North Medford on September 8, 2015. He previously attended North Medford High School for the first three quarters of his freshmen year, before transferring to Phoenix HS for the fourth quarter. He is ineligible for multiple reasons:


- Transfer without change of Joint Residence
- Academically ineligible. Earned 2.25 credits previous two quarters, needed to earn 2.5 credits
- Prior affiliation, he has had contact with our kids and coaches within the last year, BECAUSE HE ATTENDED North Medford HS


Except for the fourth quarter last year, when Raphael was moving between his mom's home, a homeless shelter, and his brothers' home, Raphael had maintained good enough grades to be eligible. The hardship he has endured having to move three times in a short period of time led to a lack of stability meeting his most basic needs, making school secondary. We believe that with a stable place to live, and keeping him connected to school with a positive outlet, allowing him to participate in sports will be a great benefit to him.

Given the hardships beyond his control, we believe Raphael should be granted the opportunity to participate in OSAA activities. He is interested in making connections and having a healthy outlet, as well as motivations to do well in the classroom.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Dan Smith
Principal, North Medford HS


Tim Sam
Athletic Director, North Medford HS

Go Black Tornado!

Tim Sam

Subject: FW: Eligibility Request

From: Toby Walker [mailto:toby.walker@phoenix.k12.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 8:11 AM
To: Tim Sam
Subject: Re: Eligibility Request

Not a problem. He definitely needs to be involved in sports.

On Mon, Sep 21, 2015 at 5:27 PM, Tim Sam <Tim.Sam@medford.k12.or.us> wrote:

Hi Coach,

Hope all is going well!

Raphael Hernandez is back with us after a short stint with you last year, 4th quarter. He was with us last year quarters 1-3, and is again now. He has been in and out of Hearts with a Mission Homeless teen shelter. He is wanting to get connected by playing football. He did not play for us last year. He is ineligible because he transferred back to NM without a Joint Change of Residence (his mom already live here), his is one class short the previous two quarters, and because he has had contact with our kids and coaches in the last year (prior affiliation-HE WAS GOING TO SCHOOL HERE!). Are you ok with him requesting eligibility?

Thanks!

Tim

Tim Sam, AD, CMAA

North Medford HS



GO BLACK TORNADO!

To Whom It May Concern,

Raphael Hernandez currently is living at Hearts with a Mission. He spend his freshman year enrolled for the first three quarters and then withdrew due to a family situation. He is now currently enrolled and has consistent attendance and a strong support system with Hearts with a Mission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Staci Fisher

Counselor

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To OSAA and NMHS Athletic Department:

September 15, 2015

I am writing this letter on behalf of Raphael Hernandez III, student of North Medford High School. Raphael is verified McKinney-Vento, and is currently living at the local youth shelter. Under federal guidelines, Raphael is entitled to equal access and immediate allowance of participation in all school related sports and activities as long as he is otherwise eligible through academics and behavior. Raphael has expressed interest in both football and basketball for the 2015-2016 school year.

In regards to youth who fall within our vulnerable populations, it is particularly crucial that we do everything possible to enrich their school experience, as it will increase the likelihood that they will graduate and be offered further opportunities for a better life. This directly aligns with the mission of the Medford School District, and the Maslow Project.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you'd like to discuss this matter further.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fallon Stewart".

Fallon Stewart
Maslow Project Case Manager
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Raphael A. Hernandez The III
9-18-15 TO SOSAA

Please
ignore
that

I'm a student at North Medford High
and I am wanting to play football
for the school, I wasn't living with
my mom for a while but that was because
me and my mom weren't getting along
and we got in a huge argument
then she didn't want me to live with
her so I moved to Medford when I
had no where else to go except for
this amazing place called "Hearts with a
mission". Hearts with a mission is a teen-age
homeless shelter that only youth from 11-
17 can live at. At the homeless shelter
they provided me with food, water, caring, and love
that I didn't get much of back at home.
Three meals were served a day there and
there were other youth there as well
but after I was there for a month and
seven teen days my second oldest
brother had asked me to live with him
and I agreed because I wanted my
brother to be a part of my life. So now
I'm living in town with him to keep
attending North Medford High. Also through this
letter I'm writing/sending to you is me
begging for a hardship to play and participate
in the foot ball team here at North
Medford High School. I'm so grateful
that I have an awesome
school to attend to and
maybe play and participate on
Foot ball.