
Tom Welter

Executive Director
OSAA

Dear Mr. Welter,

My name is Blake Anderson and i am writing to you in hopes of having a chance to play basketball this season. Last year i had a lot going on in my life and it greatly affected my school work and life in general. I also struggle with ADHD unfortunately and couldn't get the attention i needed.

My mother and grandfather both got very sick and it had a huge impact on me. My grandfather who is the father figure in my life was diagnosed with cancer in his kidney. My mother was sick all year and finally found out that she had a blood disease where she had to have constant blood transfusions and eventually surgery. My grandfather is my basketball coach and im with him constantly and seeing him that sick and not knowing what was going on put alot of stress on me. I didn't know what was going to happen to him and how much pain he was really in. My mother was very sick all year and always tired and irritated despite all that she still worked constantly. She was very stressed out and sickly, this was very hard on me not having my mother and seeing her sick like that. Both of them are better now and i am back on track myself. My grades are back to normal this year which goes to show you that it really was just the stress and emotional impact of last year that affected my school work. Basketball is my favorite thing to do and it would make me very sad if i wouldn't be able to play my first year of varsity basketball because of my grades that weren't even my true grades because i couldn't focus and put the effort in needed because of the amount of stress i was under. I would like you to please take all of this into consideration when you make your decision. Being able to play this year would mean the world to me and i would be forever grateful. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Blake Anderson