

**Mike Forrester - OSAA hardship letter**

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To whom it may concern

My name is Zach Nix and I am a sophomore at North Bend High School. My freshman year was not a good year for me personally or academically, I started the year at Marshfield, while I was there I struggled in science and math. They did not have an actual math teacher, we had about four different people throughout the two months I was there teach us. Science was a class that I just could never understand, also when I transferred, my English teacher threw out an assignment of mine that was worth a huge amount of my grade. When I got to North Bend there was two weeks left in the term, I had to take finals to classes that I was barely apart of. As I got more accustomed to the school, my grades slowly started improving. A big factor last year was missing basketball, basketball has always been a huge motivational factor for me. When that was taken away from me I was very discouraged, and I had no motivation for anything. As my sophomore year started I realized the importance of school and that I have to work hard to be able to play basketball again, I started this year with 10 out of the 14 required credits, since then I have recovered 5 credits and i have been working non stop to be able to play the sport I love. I plan to not slow down and keep working hard in my current and future classes as well as on the court. I am hoping that you will give me an opportunity to play basketball this year, as I have not played since I was in the 8th grade, and it would be devastating for me, my family and everyone who supports me, to see me miss another year. I want to be able to represent my school and community by doing the sport that I love.

Sincerely  
Zach Nix