

To whom it may concern:

My name is Elijah Smith and I was a Home school/Private school student in 2014-2015. Recently, I was enrolled at Hillhi High School for my Sophomore year. I would like to request an exception to your eligibility rules that would allow me to wrestle this year due to hardship.

I understand that, traditionally I would need to show credits for my freshmen year to be able to compete in sports. I also understand that this is intended to put less emphasis on sports and more on academics within the education system. However, the reason I joined public school was for academic reasons. I felt that as I got older home school was not giving me enough resources for me to strive. My parents did not have access to the classes I am interested in. I previously had been in a class with only 4 kids. I wanted more interaction to share ideas with others and discuss issues. Due to some health issues with my grandparents my parents have not been able to give me the resources and time I need. My grandpa can no longer drive, so my mom has been his primary transportation. Because of my family situation my mom has not been able to teach all 4 of us affectively like she use to. With the opportunities I have already seen in my short time at Hillhi I feel public school will help me get a better job and career in the long run. I would like to possibly go into medicine.

During my Freshman 2014-2015 year I was given the opportunity to learn Latin, Logic, Persuasive Writing and Geography, which include labeling the world and drawing it from memory. I have also taken the Terra Nova State standardized testing in previous years and have met the requirements at the 23rd percentile. I hope that some of my previous schooling will be accepted for credits from my Freshman year.

While I understand and support the rules and restrictions put into place by Hillhi, I respectfully request that an exception be made due to my circumstances.

Elijah Smith

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Due to resent family circumstances we have decided to enroll Elijah Smith in to public school. My father has MS and over the last year his symptoms have become more debilitating, which requires me to spending more time helping him get around. My mother is also disabled and needs more assistance with daily activities. This has impacted our family dynamic and has required me to be away from my 4 children more frequently. It also has affected my ability teach Elijah at a high school level. Elijah is the first one to move into the high school years. My husband works 50 hour weeks and has not been able to help out as much as he would like. Until this year Elijah had been excelling and doing well in his studies, but the extra strain on the family and my inability to be home as much as required us to make a decision to enroll Elijah this year as a sophomore.

Elijah also shows interest in subjects that require facilities and tools that we do not have access to at home. Such as, lab instruments for science, automotive tools, etc. Financially these things are not affordable for us and would be beneficial in helping him advance in the subjects he may not know he would enjoy.

During his freshmen year we enrolled in a private Classical learning class which met once a week. They were given tutoring help and their assignments for the week. He would work on his assignments at home and bring them back the next week to discuss and present. 15 week assessments were done to gauge how much they had learned. We have been keeping track of his grades thus far and with his tutors help created a transcript. This program was our first step in helping him succeeded, since we were unable to give him the attention he needed. At the beginning of this fall year we enrolled him again in the Classical program, but the class had decreased to only 4 students. A couple weeks ago we decide this was not working for him and he needed to be challenged more.

We feel it is good for Elijah to be in an environment where he will be able to interact with more people who have different views and ideas in order to better prepare him for what he will encounter in life. Elijah is very excited about creating a college or career pathway for his future. Where we are as a family and the unforeseen circumstances at present make this move seem the best option.

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