

December 1st, 2015

Mr. Welter,

My name is Sabina Villalba-Botello and I am writing you to ask that I be allowed to compete in wrestling this season. Last semester, during my freshman year, I made a critical mistake and was detained by the state. During my detainment I was placed in two different schools and was unable to finish the second semester. I was passing all my classes at Marshfield HS but as detained shortly after 3rd quarter. I am currently attending Elmira HS and they do not except quarter credits. Wrestling is something I have done before and would very much like to do this year. I currently have three A's, three B's and passing mark in study hall. I am behind on credits but my main goal is to graduate on time. I plan on taking advantage of my opportunity to finish at Elmira High School. Throughout each semester I plan to take seven classes to help catch up on my credits. I also plan to take some online classes to make up the other credits.

Growing up I wasn't the best kid and I made a lot of bad choices. As I've been told, your past will catch up to you and in this case it did and has affected my schooling. In middle school I had horrible grades and would not go to school, I was caught up in the wrong crowd and had a tough time getting on track. When I was twelve I was taken out of my hometown and put into treatment facilities. The foster home I was in during my freshman year at Marshfield was not a stable environment for me and I had to leave after making an irresponsible decision. From Coosbay I was put in a detention in Yamhill where I thought I earned 1.75 credits. From there I was transferred to a youth program in Roseburg and received no credits because I was not there long enough to be able to finish out the units. Therefore, I am behind on credits, but committed and have a strong will towards a positive future where my main goal is to earn my high school diploma.

I have a strong desire to compete in wrestling this season. In my life sports help me and allow me to be a positive person. Sports make me feel confident and in turn help me make good choices. It also gives me an awesome peer group. When I was in elementary school I did wrestling for two years, but got lost in other activities. I think this school year is a great opportunity to get back into the things that keep focused on good choices. I have positive relationships with my teachers and enjoy the wrestling team. Overall I am a good student and I think it would be a great opportunity to compete in this season. To add on I would be very grateful and happy if I can compete. Please consider letting me continue in sports and thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Sabina Villalba-Botello