

## To whom it may concern:

I am writing this to plead with you to consider allowing Kiley Holdiman to play softball in spite of her poor grades.

My name is Clara Holdiman. I am 75 years old, the grandmother and adoptive mother of Kiley. I have had Kiley since she was 5 years old, and have done my best to see that she has the guidance and the teachings to become a respectful adult and an asset to wherever she may go in life. She is a compassionate, honest, and respectful girl.

Unfortunately, for several years she has had medical problems that have had a negative affect on her grades. Kiley had been in Geometry class for 8, or 9 weeks, was failing the class because she had missed several days of class and did not understand how to complete the lessons. After talking to her teacher and the school counselor she was advised to drop the class for this year and take it again next year. She was told by doing this, she would not receive an "F" on her report card. However, this turned out to not be true. She did not attend the class, was given a zero for every day, and an "F" for her semester grade.

Three practices into basketball season, Kiley dislocated her knee cap and was unable to play basketball. Softball is a very important part of her life. Not being able to play softball due to a misunderstanding would be devastating to her.

Having missed so much school due to strep throat and viral infections of her tonsils, she got behind in most of her classes. At one point, she had four classes she was failing. She tried very hard to get caught up and improve her grades. She was able to accomplish this in all classes except English as some assignments were not completed in a timely manner. Some assignments were not allowed to be turned in at all because they were late and would not be graded.

Due to insurance reasons we were not able to have her tonsils removed. That has now been resolved and she is scheduled to have them removed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month.

If you will consider allowing her to play softball, she will make sure she never finds herself in this position in the future.

In nine years she has never failed a class and she will do whatever it takes to insure that she never fails another one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Clara Holdiman

