

To whom it may concern:

My daughter Madyson Meza started her freshman year at Monroe High School, she attended for less than two weeks. At that point, my family and I decided that it would be beneficial for Madyson to enroll in an online public school. We chose to enroll her in ORCA. By the time we received her new school materials (books etc.), it was already late September, so unfortunately, she started out in her new school, already one month behind. As you know, one month time in high school is a big deal. With that being said, she was working diligently to get caught up.

Shortly after starting her new school, she suffered a severe concussion from playing sports, which resulted in her being seen multiple times by a concussion specialist at Slocum Sports Medicine. From Late September 2014 to mid-January 2015, Madyson suffered from intense headaches, neck aches, loss of focus and concentration, as well as many other issues that prevented her from being able to do her regular amount of work. The doctor had put her on restrictions, which limited her screen time, reading time etc. She was required to rest as much as needed, per doctors' orders.

After three plus months of these restrictions, she had fallen behind in her academics, and her councilor advised her that it would be best to drop a couple of classes. We expressed our concerns, as she is an athlete, and plans on attending college, where her hopes are to play softball. The councilor said that it wouldn't be a problem, and that she would be able to make up those classes at a later date.

In Late January, my daughter and I talked at great lengths, and decided that a traditional public school would be better, so that she could get caught up and on track with academics, now that she was released by her doctor. We then switched back to Monroe High School, and we have been very happy with our decision.

Unfortunately, with Madyson's past health issues, she is now behind on credits, and foreign language requirements. We are working on putting a plan in place for her to get caught up, including doing a Summer program at Monroe High School and taking an extra class at Linn-Benton Community College this coming Summer. I am confident that with Madyson's work ethics and goals, she will be able to get caught up, academically speaking. Like I said previously, she has big goals for the future, which include collegiate athletics, and allowing her to continue playing softball and other sports would be greatly beneficial to her.

Thank You,

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