

Hello, my name is Madyson Meza. I am a sophomore at Monroe High School. Last year as a freshman, I transferred out of Monroe, to Oregon connections Academy. (Online school) I left Monroe because there were some social and personal issues going on with some of my classmates. My parents and I thought it would be best if I was removed from the situation. We thought that online school would be a good opportunity for me. When I transferred to online school, I was pretty behind. I was working really hard to get caught up, but my ORCA teachers didn't know if I would end up getting caught up by the end of the year. They decided to drop some classes and switch some of my classes around during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. With the decision being made, it ended up being a really hard transition for me. My grades started to drop during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, especially my English and science grades. My English teacher had dropped a lot of assignments, which also put me behind in the lesson material. My advisor in ORCA dropped my Physical Science class for 1<sup>st</sup> semester, when I took Physical Science in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, I was already a semester behind, and I didn't know half of the material that I was being tested on. This all really impacted my test scores and my overall grades

For my sophomore year, after seeing my grades freshman year, my parents decided I better go back to Monroe High School. We decided that I needed a more structured and organized learning environment for me to succeed. I really believe this was a good decision to go back to Monroe. Since I've been back in Monroe, my grades have really improved. I'm working really hard to get back on track to graduation and to be caught up to where I should be as a sophomore. With me being behind and not having all the credits that I need, the counselor and I have been discussing other options to recover those missed credits. As of now I am in credit recovery classes, we are setting up a plan, and I am going to keep to that plan and do anything I need to, until I am caught up and where I need to be.

I play basketball and softball and I really enjoy playing these sports. I understand that I am not eligible to play sports this year, due to not having enough credits and not passing five classes 2<sup>nd</sup> semester last year. I have done well so far this year and the transition has been positive. I am currently passing all of my classes. I am hoping that you will allow me to participate in the sports this year. I am really making improvements and trying as hard as I can to make up my credits and be on track by the end of this year.

Thank you,

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