

Letter of Explanation – Parent/Guardian

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Date:

To: OSAA/District Committee

From: Ryan Smith

Please Print – Parent/Guardian



Signature

The following questions need to be answered to the satisfaction of the principal, athletic director, and the OSAA or district committee. Explain thoroughly.

- 1. How is it that the student finds themselves in this situation?**
- 2. Why should an exception be made to the eligibility rules in this case?**

Ryan Smith (Dad)

The last semester of school my daughter did not receive any credit for one reasons, she had surgery below her tailbone. She moved around a lot because she moved out in the summer due to personal issues at home.

Kendra had some pain in her lower back about six weeks into to school so she went to the doctors to get it checked out, they weren't sure at first but then found a pilonidal cyst (an abnormal collect of skin and hair below tailbone). They gave her antibiotics to try and get rid of it but they didn't work because she was allergic to every single one she was given. On Halloween she went to the hospital and got it drained were they gave her two more antibiotics for the mrsa she had in the past and then the cyst. They scheduled her consult for surgery and then scheduled her surgery for the week of thanksgiving. At this point she had missed almost a month of school because of doctors. She had Doctor notes for work and school. Kendra was in AP classes, and was doing well, but missing a day of AP is hard to catch up on let alone an entire month. She had talked to her counselor and he advised her to just let him put N/A on her grades because she would still be able to graduate on time. Kendra wanted to stay in school and asked to do online, but it took about another month to even get the classes and then a week to do her trail classes. At that point it was to hard for her to catch up. When she came back to south they advices her to just keep the N/A on her transcript and wait until second semester to start school. That's what she did. This situation was not in her control, but she is still on track to graduate on time.