

February 17, 2016

To Whom it May Concern,

We are requesting a hardship so that Carrie McCaslin can be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities (athletics and fine arts) at Faith Bible High School. Carrie recently transferred from Westview High School to Faith. Carrie is a sophomore, she transferred at the semester break. Carrie has been increasingly involved with and influenced by students at Westview. Last spring she skipped a class for the first time. This fall, she left class or skipped altogether to meet other students around campus at least three times. Eventually, she left campus and brought kids to our home while my husband and I were at work.

We were more and more concerned about her involvement with this group of kids. Some of these students were involved with sexual activity and drugs. We were taking her to weekly counseling appointments and communicating with school officials. We asked the vice principal in charge of attendance/truancy to speak with Carrie. Even after these efforts she was not willing or able to stop the behaviors that were causing concern. We talked to her teachers and her counselor, they were helpful, however things with Carrie were getting worse. We were feeling the need to monitor all of her calls, texts and after school hour activity. It was becoming very clear that she needed a change, so we started looking at options for schools. She was relieved to be making a change as well. We feel that she was being pressured and almost groomed into some activities that she either couldn't or wouldn't refuse.

After transferring at the beginning of February, Carrie is doing so much better. She has regained her cheerful, hardworking attitude about school. She is no longer hiding and lying to my husband and me. It's been such a relief to find a smaller atmosphere where Carrie has more accountability with adults through smaller class sizes. It's our hope that she can return to the activities she loves such as track and field and choir.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Dixie McCaslin

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Dixie McCaslin". The signature is fluid and personal, with a small dot above the 'i'.