

# NORTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLACK TORNADO

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been Jade Lewis' academic counselor at North Medford High School. Jade has been in school and one would never realize the personal struggles that she has constantly experience. Even with family or health struggles, Jade has kept up in her classes by working extra hard outside of school. Where she has found the ability to focus on her studies while she has been in school is still a puzzle to me, but she has persevered.

During Jade's junior year, there were some serious family events that forced Jade and her dad to move to Prospect. During that time, Jade focused on working to help her dad work. This commitment to helping her and her dad have adequate food and shelter lasted a semester and one entire school year. This year, Jade returned to school as a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior because Jade made the commitment with the support of her dad to not live in the same home so that she could complete her diploma. Jade is currently attending school and considered homeless. Some of the ways she has been able to focus on school is by being involved in school in activities and clubs. Jade also continues to work part-time.

The smile Jade has been able to carry can often hide the real life struggles that we wish no student should ever have to take on. Jade has made the best of her situation. I believe that participating in Track and Field will help her finish off the year and be a successful high school graduate. This will be the first sport that Jade will participate in during her time in high school if given the opportunity. Please consider Jade's hardship as an opportunity to have a huge impact on the life and experience of a young person who has already overcome so much. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. Attached is Jade's plan to graduate.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cesar Flores', is located below the word 'Respectfully,'.

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## Jade Lewis' Graduation Plan

Current Credits Earned 19.5

Classes currently taking: 3.0

1. American Studies
2. English 2
3. Student Aide
4. Forensics
5. Algebra 2 Fundamentals
6. Economics

Credits Making up through Credit Retrieval/Independently 1.5

1. PE (.50)
  2. Career Education/senior project (.50)
  3. Algebra 2 independent study (.25)
  4. Fine Arts (.25)
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**Total Credits: 24**

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