

# NORTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## HOME OF THE BLACK TORNADO

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To Tom Welter, Executive Director, OSAA,

Jade Lewis is a fifth year senior at North Medford High School, making her ineligible.

Jade is currently a homeless student. She moved out of her parents' home in Prospect in order to live near school so that she could attend and graduate.

Jade did not attend school from January 2013 to September 2015 (one-and-a-half school years). She did not attend the third and fourth quarter of her junior year, or the entire year her senior year because of personal and family health issues, and to support her family financially so that they had food and shelter. Her hardships are well outlined in the attached letters, especially the letter from Jade.

Jade has never participated in high school athletics. She has some friends that invited her to try track, and she would like to try it to help her have a "normal" high school experience, and a positive experience physically, mentally and emotionally. She is not a gifted athlete, but a human being that needs positive experiences.

Given the severity of her hardships well beyond her control, and the documented gap in her education, we believe Jade should be able to participate in OSAA activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesse Pershin  
Asst. Principal, North Medford HS

Tim Sam  
Athletic Director, North Medford HS

**Go Black Tornado!**

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