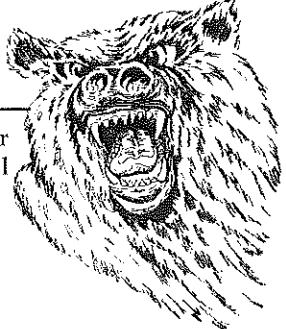


Athletic Department
ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

KARL KEMPER, Athletic Director
Assistant Principal



March 29, 2016

To the members of the District Committee:

We are requesting eligibility for Payson Collins to participate in track and field for AHS this spring. He is a senior who moved to Ashland in January to live with his mother. He had previously been living with his father and attending Yreka High School so he is currently ineligible due to a transfer without change of joint residence.

As reported by Payson and his mother, he did not want to move in the middle of his senior year. He preferred to finish high school with his friends that he had grown up with. Evidently, he felt the abusive situation he was living in with his father was unbearable and he could not tough it out to finish the year.

Payson has been a track athlete throughout high school and has been practicing with team. He is a solid student with good grades who is on track to graduate. Being a part of a team gives him an opportunity to be involved in school and make friends as a new senior. The circumstances of the move were beyond his control and should not block him from participation.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Karl Kemper

2/23/16

To Whom It May Concern:

My Son Payson Collins came to live with me in November 2015. He moved because him and his Dad were having problems. The verbal and physical abuse were escalating to a point that Payson no longer felt safe in his home in Yreka. The belittling and name-calling were causing a depression in Payson to the point that I was afraid for his mental well-being.

Payson has gone to numerous counseling appointments and tried to do everything he could to make the situation in Yreka work, but the events between him and his Dad continued to escalate. The physical abuse was occurring more and more and Payson feared what was going to come next. Payson is a senior and will be graduating in June. Track has been his passion and it would mean a lot to him to have the opportunity to participate for the 2016 season here in Ashland.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter,

Stacy Collins



541.490.9374

Hardships letter

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting the eligibility to play sports at Ashland High School. I am a new student and have recently moved to the area, to live with my mother due to a recent hardship at my old home in Yreka, California. It was in my best interest to move due to consistent verbal abuse and an instance of physical abuse. I reached the point where i no longer felt safe in my own home. For the last few years i have been battling the decision to move up or not. In the last few months of me living there I started to notice that i was becoming extremely depressed and couldn't keep up on work and started to feel a lack of drive to continue on the path I needed to be on for a successful future. So in hopes of correcting this and staying on a positive road, I made the choice to move to, Ashland for a fresh start and the chance to better myself and my future. I love sports and I would love the opportunity to run for Ashland High School for the 2016 season. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Payson Collins


2-23-16

Karl Kemper

From: Karl Kemper
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:27 AM
To: 'Kevin Velarde'
Subject: Transfer student

Hi Kevin,

Payson Collins transferred from your school to ours in January. He wants to participate in track but is ineligible due to the nature of his transfer. We are applying for him to become eligible and need something written from the school that he left that your school does not have issue with the transfer. He says you are familiar with his circumstances. I asked him several weeks ago to reach out to you but have not heard back from him. A simple email response with a couple sentences from you would be sufficient.

Thanks for your help on this!

It's a great day to be a Grizzly!

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“Only in play do you realize simultaneously the supreme importance and utter insignificance of what you are doing.” George Sheehan