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OSAA

Re: Jacob Cates hardship

I am Jacob's counselor here at Clackamas High School and am writing to you about his eligibility. Jacob enrolled here at the beginning of second semester of his junior year from Milwaukie High School.

This fall, Jacob's grandfather died. He and Jacob were very close, as he lived with Jacob and his Mom for many years. He was a very integral part of their family. Jacob took this loss very hard, and he missed a lot of school due to his depression. Jacob and his Mom were very worried about his mental state and chose to place him in an intensive outpatient treatment program that was available to him during the school day. He was extremely depressed. On October 23, 2015, Jacob dropped all 6 of his classes to be available for the treatment of his depression. He asked to add Shakespeare back into his schedule on the next school day. He was only enrolled in Shakespeare for the remainder of first semester, through February 4. He passed first semester Shakespeare with a "C", but it is the only class that he passed.

When second semester started on February 8, Jacob was enrolled as a full-time student. He is on track to graduate with the current classes he is taking, plus an online math class.

Since Jacob's reason for dropping classes constituted an exceptional circumstance, he was allowed to drop the classes without the penalty of an "F". Here at CHS, we treat these mental health treatments the same as we would any other medical treatment, and would ask for a hardship consideration. I know Jacob is a talented tennis player, and I hope that he can continue to participate in tennis this spring. Jacob is still struggling with his depression, and he has been referred to our in-house Trillium therapist, who will start working with him soon. I know physical activity and therapy will be paramount as he continues to process this loss.

Thank you for allowing me to illustrate for you the reasons for our hardship request. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie Bauder
Counselor