



April 14, 2016

Mr. Tom Welter  
Executive Director  
Oregon School Activities Association  
25200 SW Parkway Ave Suite 1  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Mr. Welter,

We are writing you today on behalf of Jacob Jones, a student athlete at Glencoe High School. Jacob is a sophomore at Glencoe and would like to participate with our JV baseball team. Unfortunately, he is currently ineligible for competition due to not passing a sufficient number of courses the previous semester. In Jacob's case, this is due to the fact that Jacob came to us with an Individualized Education Program that did not correctly address his needs as a learner. Jacob was frustrated and overwhelmed with what he was initially being asked to do in the classroom; his grades for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester reflect this.

Once our Student Services Department was able to recognize and address Jacob's needs in an appropriate way, he has made great strides in the classroom. His teachers are reporting an increase in effort, returned assignments and positive attitude. His Quarter 3 Report Card shows that he is making academic growth. He has demonstrated a new pride in his efforts to be successful in the classroom.

It is our opinion that Jacob's lack of academic progress during the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester was a direct result of an initial IEP that did not correctly address his needs. We believe strongly that Jacob needs baseball much more than baseball needs him. He is finding a sense of community and belonging within the baseball team that will only further benefit him here at Glencoe. Thank you for the consideration of this hardship application. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

Respectfully,



Claudia Ruf  
Principal



John Gaffney  
Athletic Director

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