

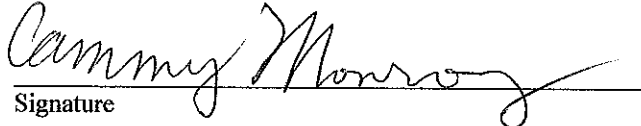
Letter of Explanation – Parent/Guardian

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Date: 3/30/16

To: OSAA/District Committee

From: Cammy Monroy
Please Print – Parent/Guardian


Signature

The following questions need to be answered to the satisfaction of the principal, athletic director, and the OSAA or district committee. Explain thoroughly.

- 1. How is it that the student finds themselves in this situation?**
- 2. Why should an exception be made to the eligibility rules in this case?**

Dear OSAA/District Committee:

I appreciate your taking time to consider Faye's eligibility for the OSAA District and State Choral competitions. Since Faye began at South Salem High School last year, she has loved being part of the Symphonic and Chamber Women's choirs. Being part of these choirs has given her a lot of motivation to stay in school. Last year Faye began experiencing difficulties in school and at home and was diagnosed with a mental illness. She has been undergoing treatment for her illness, including staying at a residential treatment facility last year for about 6 weeks. Once she returned to school, she struggled to adjust to her full schedule, and dropped her load down to just 3 classes for the remainder of the semester. She was granted an exception for the OSAA state choral competition in 2015 and very much enjoyed participating.

Once Faye returned to school in the fall, she was taking a load of 6 classes, and though she struggled with attendance issues due to her anxiety, depression and symptoms, she was able to complete the semester with satisfactory grades, maintaining a GPA of around 3.5. However, the beginning of the spring semester found Faye struggling once again due to her illness. She was unable to attend regularly because of her symptoms and anxiety, despite continued treatment. As a result she was not finding success in the classes in which she was enrolled, so the decision was made for her to reduce her load to four classes, including her two choir classes and two online classes. Since she was struggling academically, especially due to high absences, her grades have suffered as well. She is making progress in the online classes and her grades in choir are improving due to improved attendance in the past 3 weeks. However, it will take time for her to catch up.

We ask that you make an exception to the eligibility rules for Faye because her illness is beyond her control, and she has been doing her best to cope with her symptoms while maintaining her school responsibilities. Despite her illness, she is determined to graduate from high school and continues to plug away at her classes. Being part of the choirs at South is a high motivator for her, and being able to participate in the district and state competitions will motivate her as well. She is very eager to perform and support her classmates and director at District and State.

Thank you,

Cammy Monroy