

Friday, December 14, 2018

To: Football Coach
Re: Letter of Reference for Francisco McKinley

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of reference to recommend Francisco McKinley for consideration to your upcoming class of 2023. I have known Francisco for the past 4 years as his football coach. Francisco is a young man that is held in high regard by the faculty and students at Orange High School. Throughout the past 4 years that I have known Francisco he has demonstrated a high moral character, exceptional leadership skills, and a work ethic that elevates him above the level of his peers. Francisco is driven to excel not only in the class room and on the athletic fields, but also within the community as he epitomizes leadership by the example of his actions.

Academically, Francisco maintains a 4.1 GPA with an SAT score of 1110. Athletically, Francisco has been our kicker/punter for the past 4 years. We have never had a kicker who works as hard as Francisco. He is one of our top workers in the weight room, during pre-season, and during the season. He is also a wrestler in the 182 pound weight class at Orange High School as well as the goalie on our school's soccer team. Francisco is not a soccer player who does a little kicking on the side. He is a football player who plays a little soccer in his spare time. He is the only kicker we've ever had that puts football ahead of soccer. He has an understanding with his soccer coach that if there is ever a conflict in scheduling then he will be with the football team.

Francisco was the Big 8 Conference kicker of the year in 2017. He is very consistent with PAT's and Field Goals up to 45 yards. We do not have a kicking coach at Orange High School yet Francisco has excelled by pushing himself to get better. I am confident that with the special team coaches that you have to teach him, coupled with his tremendous work ethic that Francisco will continue to develop into a top rated kicker. He is definitely the type of young man that every coach wants in his program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Van A. Smith
Head Football Coach
Orange High School