

Poland Spring Academy Success Stories

My name is Ashley. I'm 17 years old and a junior at Poland Spring Academy. I went to a traditional school until half way through my junior year. My years at the traditional school were a constant struggle for me. I had to keep up with everyone else. I couldn't stop and take the time I needed to get things done without missing something on the way. My grades were slipping, I stayed after school all the time to improve them but it didn't help. I would stress out completely over tests, mid terms and finals were a disaster. The work load was heavy for me and the teachers had little faith in me.

I pushed through the work freshman year. I had to finish most of my work in the summer school. I felt useless and like I let my parents down. Sophomore year wasn't as hard, math was tough for me and the teachers had a hard time trying to find me ways to get the work. I passed everything, stayed eligible for sports and I was proud. I felt worn out all the time though. After my sophomore year things got harder and my junior year started with me working ten times harder than ever before. I was passing everything but I was so stressed about all the work my teacher gave me. Cheering tryouts were around the corner and I made varsity for the 3rd time. I was so proud of my hard work. Then one of my teachers told me I passed in a essay one day late. He failed me for that and my cheering was done. All my hard work down the drain, it broke my heart. I needed something better. I had to leave the school. I had to do what was best for me.

That's when I decided to go to Poland Spring Academy. Leaving my friends was hard but I have made new friends. Everyone is really nice here. This place has changed my life. It is self paced and individualized and has teachers who care and would do anything to help me be successful. I have formed relationships with my teachers and have learned more in 2 months than a full year at the other school. My grades have gone from C's and D's to A's and B's. The look on my parent's faces was so rewarding. Poland Spring Academy will always be in my heart. I thought it was hopeless but the minute I walked through the door of this academy I knew I was right where I needed to be. Poland Spring Academy is the best thing that ever happened to me. It is fully preparing me for life after high school. I am confident now that I can go to college and succeed. I never would have dreamed that before here. Attending Poland Spring Academy is the best decision I have ever made. I'm happy, successful, and smart. Thanks to Poland Spring Academy I have the confidence to become a better learner.

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