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Manchester, NH 2006 Graduate

I am a senior [2006] currently attending the Ombudsman program here in Manchester, NH. Before Ombudsman, I had been attending West High School since I was a freshman and I left at the very beginning of my Senior year. I left West High School not because I was a troubled student or because I hated teachers. I left because I knew it wasn't all for me. Dropping out wasn't even a question, so by myself I reached out and discovered the Ombudsman Educational Services program.

Many students like myself suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder which makes it nearly impossible to pay complete attention in the traditional classroom. I personally tend to learn on varied levels with certain strengths. I can come in and sit down at a computer or sit down at a desk and pick the subject I want to learn when I need to learn it. It helps a lot too when you have the teachers around for a quick question or maybe even show you something that the computer can't quite get across.

These days in the regular, ordinary public school, you may find nearly thirty students to each classroom with one teacher. That one teacher has the task of keeping discipline to a minimum, help each student equally and on top of all of that, they are supposed to teach. That's a hard number to work with equally, so one can assume that someone will be left behind. At Ombudsman, we have three teachers for all of the students. If you ever have made the decision to skip class in a regular school, don't do it here. The teachers know where you live and what's more scarier than that is that they have your number. So believe me when I say that if you are able to, they will make you come in to school.

One of the most important aspects regarding how Ombudsman differs from my sending high school is the fact that each student has their own individual learning plan. Each plan has been customized for each student so that he or she can successfully learn at their personal pace. When you are given a goal there, you will more than likely meet it to make sure you keep on schedule – thus preparing you for the world after high school.

Another important reason why Ombudsman works well is because of its availability. Not every student is able to get to school on time for 7:45. At Ombudsman, if there is an opening when you enroll, you can pick from three different sessions that may work out a little easier for you. I used to attend the one to four session, but I realized I would be able to have better work hours if I go to school from ten to one.

These days when I walk to school, I am very stress free. I actually enjoy going to school now because my education is not annoying me anymore. Walking into West frequently caused me to have feelings of anxiety. Walking into Ombudsman makes me feel that I can actually make it. Many students identify school with a negative feeling. That negative feeling which was once associated with school is gone.