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What My Charter School Means To Me

I have attended charter schools all my life, and when compared to regular public schools, they are so much more diverse and free, from the way the students learn and interact with each other, to the way teachers educate them. My first charter school, Vanguard Charter Academy, helped me expand my personality and taught me how to things outside of school, for example, learning about money and how the world works. Charter schools provide many alternatives to traditional schools, and I feel as though I am getting the proper education to prepare me for college and beyond.

On the social side of attending charter schools, I feel as though I have experienced a lot more than I would've if I attended a public school. Since charter schools are typically smaller, it means that I get to interact with a lot of my classmates, whether or not we're in the same grade. Having said that, I have established and kept a lot of meaningful relationships with close friends, and my entire class has become close knit friends. I wouldn't trade that experience for any other. Having attended a small school, I will always think that friendships are better made there than at a general public school.

People always assume that attending a charter school means that you will be getting below average quality education. They're always looked down upon. To counter that argument, I will say that my middle school, Vanguard Charter Academy, was named a top School of Excellence. I was proud to go to a school with that title. And I will always be proud of having attended charter schools all my school life, because I know that attending them guarantees the best education possible for me, securing me a good and well deserved future.

Attending a charter school means that you are always challenged, and that you are never looked down upon if you fail. The environment is always positive, and all the teachers are always willing to help you achieve your best. And because charter schools are typically smaller, it means that the teachers can get to know you easier, and find out how you learn best. In my opinion, I think that charter schools mean a great deal to everyone that attends, whether it be because of the amazing friendships that are made, or the rigorous, but manageable, education and teaching styles that are provided to better prepare its students for success. I hope that everyone attending a charter school has the best experience they can get, because it is well deserved. To wrap up, what do charter schools mean to me? Charter schools mean excellence. Charter schools means being better prepared. Charter schools mean progress.