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My charter school means two things to me: recovery and progress. Jackson Preparatory and Early College is most likely one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Before I started attending JPEC, I had failed the tenth grade, attempted to commit suicide, and had pretty much ruined my future. After enrolling at JPEC, I saw my grades skyrocket, my happiness go to levels that it had not been at since I was really little, and my future start to look very bright instead of very dull. To me, my charter school means that I can get up from any situation and grow to be a better person and student than I ever could have dreamed of becoming. This is what my charter school means to me.

Keeping motivation for schoolwork can be hard sometimes. I am rarely always motivated to do my work and that is pretty clear if you look at my grades before I attended JPEC. I scraped by in ninth grade, and failed tenth grade altogether. After enrolling in JPEC, though, I was pushed to my limits by my teachers and ended up with better grades than I had ever received. After a trimester at JPEC I was doing things that I did not even realize were possible. I was writing ten page papers, doing math I did not even know existed, and basically becoming a master chemist in the span of a couple months. It was great.

All of this made me start to enjoy school again, and then when I started my dual enrollment so I could start taking college courses, that feeling was multiplied by a million. College was something entirely new and I felt challenged when I did the work that was assigned to me. Writing a paper for my psychology class and getting an A was one of the best feelings ever. Writing all of those insane English papers for Jonathon at JPEC made it so that I was not panicking about deadlines; I was getting excited for when the grade finally got put into the book.

JPEC has helped me to mature into a person that I can honestly say I am proud of. Every school has its problems, but I am fairly confident when I say that the problems JPEC faces not only are not as severe as other schools, but can also be fixed, and often are fixed, when the students and staff work together. After all, I had a lot of problems before I came here, and both my peers and the staff have helped me to become who I am today. JPEC has turned me into a person that enjoys learning, enjoys socializing, and can function on a daily basis without having some kind of breakdown in the middle of it. This is what my charter school means to me.