

# MAKE WAY.

## WHY WAY:

- Annually, 1.3 million students become dropouts.
- Every state pays for their dropout rate. With every dropout in the state of Michigan alone, you can expect a loss of \$260,000 tax dollars.
- If the students who dropped out of the Class of 2009 had graduated, the nation's economy would have benefitted from nearly \$335 billion in additional income over the course of their lives.
- The United States could save between 7.9 and 10.8 billion dollars annually by improving educational attainment.
- Currently, only 68% of all students entering high school will earn a standard high school diploma.

## GET INVOLVED:

Whether you are a district looking to implement a WAY Program campus, a teacher interested in joining our group of mentors, a public servant looking to improve your community or a student disenchanted with your current educational option, we want to hear from you. *Contact us at:*

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## ABOUT:

WAY Program is a personalized learning experience for students who struggle with traditional high school. WAY offers an alternative approach to education; one that encourages self-esteem, independence, and the development of 21st century skills that will facilitate a college education and subsequent career paths.

Each student is equipped with an iMac workstation and internet connectivity within his or her home. Our highly-qualified WAY teachers then assess and align all projects according to state content standards, ensuring that each student completes the program with a high school diploma. WAY combines personalized, project-based, online learning experiences with face-to-face interaction. Our staff is invested in the success of each student, providing support 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, all year round. This dedication allows students to excel at their own pace, developing customized learning plans on topics that truly appeal to them.

Our astounding success leads to a retention rate of over 93%. We constantly work towards realizing the potential in every individual.

## PARTNERSHIPS:

WAY is always striving to partner with like-minded individuals and corporations; united in our efforts to improve community and student opportunity. We hold innovation and forward thinking in high regard.

We are proud to announce that WAY Program's Pilot Program was the recipient of the prestigious "Apple Exemplary Program Award," celebrating innovative contributions to education. We look forward to working with Apple in the future.



Jane felt her academy was not conducive to her learning. Teachers were often replaced and student behavior was volatile. Jane became disengaged. Jane also missed most of her 10th grade year because she was caring for her younger sister at home. She failed all of her classes and fell too far behind to graduate.

At WAY, Jane has found the fresh start she needed. Her academic progress is outstanding and she has doubled her earned credits in just 6 months. Jane is a motivated individual and WAY enables her to have an active role in her learning environment, which is a new experience for her. She explores her own areas of interest and enjoys the experience of being in control of her learning.

## .01 CASE STUDY // JANE



Diagnosed with a variety of learning and behavioral disorders, Barry felt that traditional school was not advancing his learning. He failed over half of his courses his first year of high school, earning only 1 credit. Barry became truant in school and was put on probation through the court system.

The WAY program proved very successful for Barry, both academically and socially. Initially, he was shy and very self-conscious. His turning point came as his relationship with his mentor grew. Since attending, he has earned 4 credits in 9 months. His personal growth since entering WAY is inspirational, and he is determined to graduate. He plans to attend college, considering the fields of psychiatry or journalism.

## .02 CASE STUDY // BARRY

### PROGRAM FACTS :

- 92% of parents recommend WAY Program
- There is no cost for the student or his/her family to enroll in the WAY Program
- The in-home technology package provided is Apple-based and includes the following items: iMac computer system, camera, and connectivity
- WAY Program has a 93% retention rate
- All students receive a standards-focused education and upon completion earn a high school diploma
- Each student has 24/7 support, 365 days a year