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In the past, many schools I attended made me feel as if I was just a number. All the classes were over-crowded and lacking enough desks to accommodate the students. Students were squeezed together at long tables and told to quietly do their work. When I asked for help, I was given a page number to reference. This made me feel alone, and not as smart as those students who did not have to ask for assistance.

The first time I came to West End Academy, I was concerned that the teachers would be the same as they were in my previous school. Instead, I found the teachers at West End Academy to be extremely helpful and understanding. They took the time to address my personal needs and struggles; this helped me focus on my lessons and build my confidence.

I am very thankful I was able to attend West End Academy because it has helped me overcome many academic obstacles such as math, English language arts, and writing. In addition, I was able to graduate early instead of later as I had feared. West End Academy helped me regain my overall confidence with myself and my abilities to succeed personally as well as academically.