

Patrick's Story

Patrick entered The Lake Academy as an 18-year-old high school senior. A large part of his trouble in school was truancy. His plan at The Lake Academy was to attend 95% of the required days. Patrick's attendance did improve and although he was often tardy, graduating was important.

He never wasted any time while he was in school and even brought work home with him if he was behind. He took one credit in English and excelled. He was one of the best writers in the school. Patrick never failed to do any of the work that was required of him. In fact, he did extra work to ensure a good grade. His self-image improved as he continued reading, writing and speaking in class. He received an Outstanding Student Award in English.

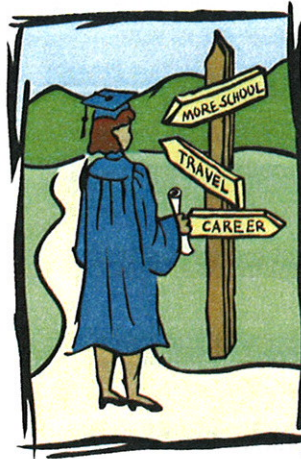
He attended The Lake Academy then drove to the nearby Auburn Career, where he continued his studies and attended vocational training classes in auto body. Patrick also worked part-time at Preston Chevrolet in the body shop. He received excellent reviews from his employer and earned the Outstanding Employee Award from The Lake Academy.

At the school's annual recognition program, Patrick thanked the teachers for giving him the chance to graduate. He also thanked his employer for having faith in him. Patrick was a success at The Lake Academy because he had come to realize that the school was helping him achieve his goals, not hindering his success.

Our Values

The Lake Academy staff views the learning process to be a partnership between home, school and community. Each day we apply and practice these values:

- Be Respectful and Kind
- Be Responsible
- Be Honest and Trustworthy
- Learning is Essential
- Live in the Present
- Safe and Drug-Free School



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The Lake Academy

*An Alternative
School for Students
in Lake County*

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Our History

The Lake Academy was established through the Lake County Educational Service Center. The first classes met December 10, 1997. Classes were held at Victoria Place in Painesville, Ohio. The following year, two locations were set up to accommodate students from Eastern and Western Lake County. Eastern classes were held in Grand River, while western classes were held in Willoughby. In 1999, the two campuses were consolidated and classes are held at 25 Public Square in Willoughby.

The Lake Academy is Designed To:

- Give students the necessary support services and basic education to help them to be successful once they return to their traditional educational program.
- Reduce the number of students who drop out of school and increase the graduation rate.
- Provide opportunities for students to receive counseling and support with personal and family difficulties.

About Our Program

The Lake Academy was established to assist students in grades 7-12 who have not achieved academic success in a traditional setting. Alternative approaches to guidance, discipline and academics are utilized to provide an individualized educational experience. Community support services, employment and volunteer opportunities help our students accomplish realistic goals.

The Lake Academy Promotes:

- Individualized Curriculum
- Parental Involvement
- Behavior Modifications
- Community Service
- Employment Opportunities
- Academic and Tutorial Assistance
- Special Testing
- Substance Abuse Screening

Collaborating Agencies

- Lake County Educational Service Center
- Lake County Workforce Development
- Crossroads of Lake County
- Catholic Charity Services of Lake County
- Lake County and Geauga County Juvenile Courts
- North Coast Education Services
- Lake County Children and Family First Council
- Lake County Employment and Training Administration
- Ohio Department of Education
- New Directions
- Ravenwood Hospital
- Laurelwood Hospital

