

*TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS MAY 2009
Students In Transition Empowerment Program
Traverse City Area Public Schools*

“STEP is always there when the world feels like it is collapsing on my shoulders. I was ready to give up on high school...it was just too much to be an adult and a child while maintaining a social life. Then STEP came and now school is a breeze.” (12th)

“I am dearly thankful for the STEP program. The tutors were extremely helpful when it came to schoolwork but they were just as helpful when it came to emotional things...very supportive no matter what the situation and did a wonderful job helping us do our best. STEP helped me with all the aspects of doing better such as school supplies, homework help, and someone to talk to. I will be forever thankful for their help!”

“The STEP program is a great way to help you and your grades get better. I love how the STEP tutors relate to us and they treat us with respect and always try to do their best to help us do our best.”(10th)

“I like being able to just come to the library and catch up or work on a hard project and have the support. It helped me mentally and physically by helping me stay focused & get work done...has also helped me financially. STEP is a positive thing because sometimes just talking to an older person helps.” (12th)

“I like that STEP really kept me on track through the course of the school year. They helped me fill out my FAFSA (financial aid for college) and provided me with free lunch and breakfast. STEP is such a positive thing because it’s like having a parent watching over you even if you don’t have one.” (12th)

“I really like how I can get my work done...it is a huge help. It’s positive because it’s teaching me that getting my work done is a good thing and I can do better when I achieve things. STEP has helped me because I can do work one on one without the distractions of other kids or nagging teachers. I greatly appreciate the STEP program. Thank you!” (8th)

“I like the STEP program because they help with a lot of school supplies and they are just really fun to hang out with and be around. I am happy to that they are here to help me.” (7th)

“STEP helps me get work done. It has helped me a lot because I haven’t been so worried about things at home.” (7th)

“STEP has helped me with my emotional and family problems. Also, it has helped me bring up my grades and keep my (absences) low, as well as giving me help with BATA passes and other important needs.”

“STEP has helped me take driver’s training, bring my grades up, stay in school, and get free lunch at school.”

“Tutoring in math has been the most helpful thing and has actually helped me pass my math class.”

“Talking through my family/emotional problems has been the most helpful, along with help on school work.”

“I plan to DEFINITELY graduate from school and with good grades...thank you so much for the help with everything.”

“STEP has helped me get gas (for school transportation) to stay in school, encouraged me, and helped me bring up my grades.”

“Graduate high school, go to college, graduate from college, and be successful in life!”