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"My son was suffering in the traditional middle school, but at the Falls Academy he found a place where he felt safe and cared for, and he didn't feel self-conscious. There's a great sense of community there. As a parent, the most important thing is that they stand by you when it gets tough. It was a godsend."

FALLS ACADEMY PARENT

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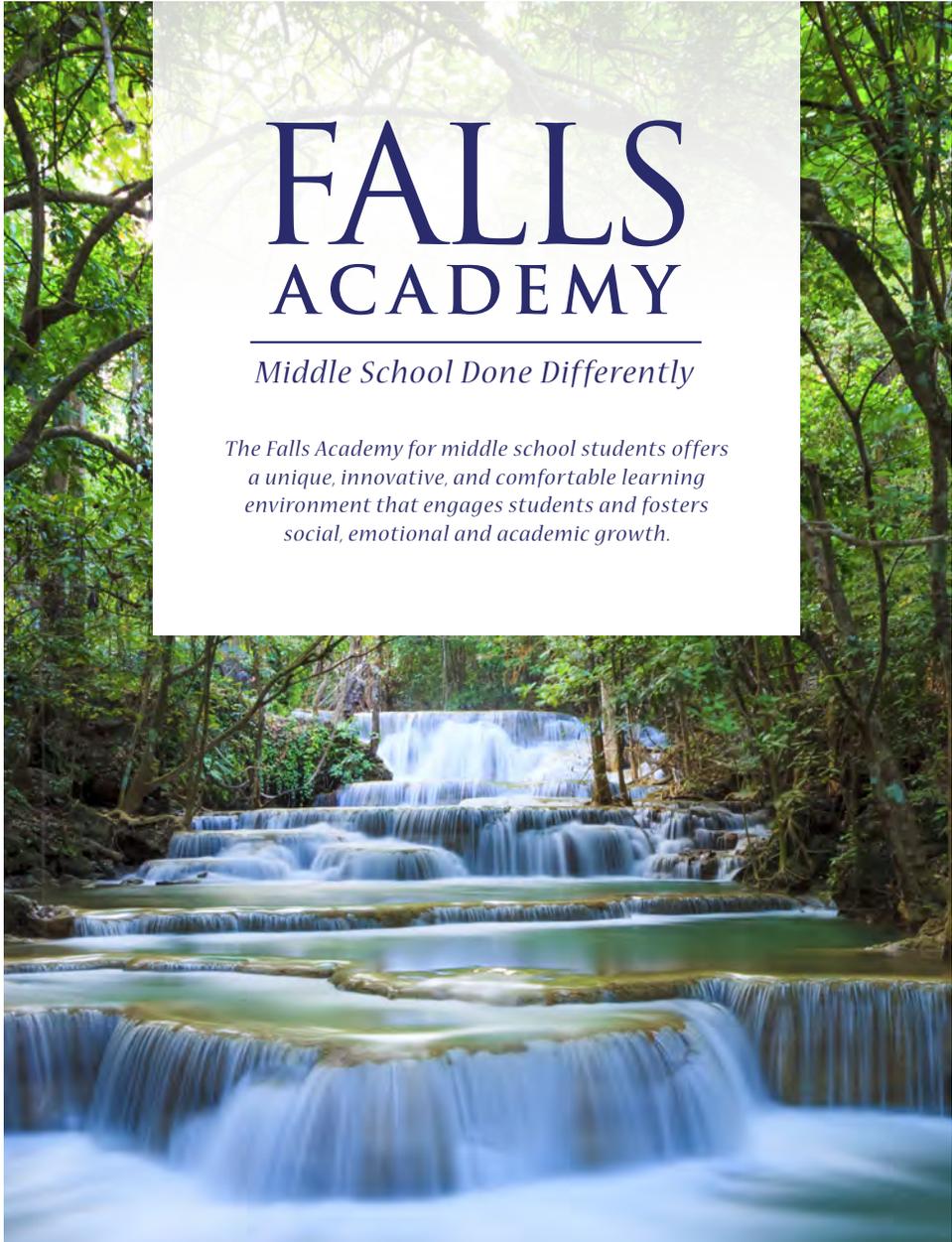
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FALLS ACADEMY

Middle School Done Differently

The Falls Academy for middle school students offers a unique, innovative, and comfortable learning environment that engages students and fosters social, emotional and academic growth.

The Falls Academy is a collaboration between Mahopac Central School District and PNW BOCES.

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THE FALLS ACADEMY IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND, DISTINCTIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES:

- A supportive place for students to learn and practice lifelong social, emotional and academic skills
- Opportunities for experiential learning
- A predictable and supportive learning environment
- An innovative curriculum that aligns with New York State Common Core standards
- A small student-to-teacher ratio
- Individualized, mastery-based instruction

FALLS ACADEMY STUDENTS

- Have struggled in a traditional middle school setting
- Are academically capable; however, accessing the curriculum has been difficult due to emotional dysregulation. By building a strong emotional foundation, Falls students develop the confidence, grit and resiliency needed to succeed in the classroom.

FALLS ACADEMY STAFF

Dedicated, highly skilled and caring professionals who support students throughout the school day by:

- Meeting students where they are intellectually and emotionally
- Creating a therapeutically supportive environment
- Fostering self-confidence
- Establishing trusting relationships that allow free expression of thoughts and feelings
- Helping students become self-directed learners
- Providing continuous feedback and support regarding personal progress

FALLS ACADEMY PARENTS

- Are active partners in the academic and emotional growth of their children
- Assist in extending and reinforcing social and emotional skills at home
- Embrace critical skills and provide opportunities to support their children outside of the school environment

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- New York State dually certified teachers (special education and a subject area)
- High staff-to-student ratio
- Rigorous academic core courses
- Research-based therapeutic approach (DBT) Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Ongoing collaboration and communication with families and outside providers
- Integration of instructional technology (computers, SMART boards, software)



"Right away the teachers were very welcoming; they're extremely patient and supportive of both the kids and the parents. They communicate very well, letting parents know what is going on. Before, my son was experiencing a lot of anxiety going to school – now he enjoys school! I wish there were more programs like Falls Academy. I think it's needed everywhere."

FALLS ACADEMY PARENT

"From the moment we walked in for the intake interview we got the feeling that this was a place that really cared about the kids. You got the sense that your child would be taken care of. The building itself is clean, sparkling and very welcoming. My only complaint is that it ends after eighth grade!"

FALLS ACADEMY PARENT

