



## Student Success Story – Elvis



	<b>“BE HERE”</b>	<b>“BEHAVE”</b>	<b>“BE LEARNING”</b>
<b>Prior to referral from OCPS</b>	76% (00/01) 74% (01/02) attende	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 36 total suspension days previous 2 school years</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Earned 3.0 credits</li><li>• .57 GPA</li><li>• 1 year behind class</li><li>• Took 9 courses, passing 4</li></ul>
<b>2002-2004 While enrolled at CEP-NW Partnership School</b>	96% (02/03) 90% (03/04) attende	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2002/03- 4 Behavior Write-ups</li><li>• 2003/04- 0 Behavior Write-ups</li><li>• 0 Suspensions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Earned 21.5 credits at CEP and Night School</li><li>• 2.84 GPA</li><li>• Passed all courses</li><li>• Passed FCAT 03/03</li><li>• Graduated from Edgewater High School with cohort class 04/05</li></ul>



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Elvis came to Community Education Partners (CEP) during the 2002-2003 school year with 3 credits. Having been born into a Spanish speaking family, Elvis struggled with mastering basic literary skills in his earlier years. In high school, he had no respect for authority with serious misbehavior infractions including fighting, harassment of teachers and students, vandalizing school property and non-attendance.

By lunch time of his first day as a CEP student, Elvis had already been sent to the administrator's office to sign a behavior contract. At this point he began to wonder if he could ever change in his attitude toward education or life. He decided he would make one last attempt to get things right. Elvis applied himself to his work, did extra credit work and controlled his temper. His grades improved and he passed the FCAT. While at CEP, Elvis was arrested and served jail time. This could have halted his recent progress, but because his teachers and administrators wrote him, visited him and even came to court, Elvis was determined to get his diploma and go to college. Elvis now viewed school as a place that cared about his well-being and future. He asked his principal if he could stay at CEP for one more year. This request was granted and Elvis graduated in 2004.

Almost two years later, Elvis is a sophomore at Valencia Community College pursuing his AA degree in Political Science. He plans to continue his higher education and become a lawyer in the future. In November of 2005, Elvis shared his CEP story before the Florida Senate Education Appropriations Committee.