



CEP PURPOSE AND HISTORY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Education Partners (CEP) Program is to improve academic achievement, improve school safety and reduce the dropout rate by getting low performing and disruptive students back on track in their learning and behavior so they can return to their sending schools prepared to be successful.

THE CEP PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM HELPS TO:

- Improve Grade Promotion
- Improve Scores on State Skills Tests
- Improve School Safety / Student Behavior
- Reduce the District's Dropout Rate

HISTORY

CEP was founded in 1996 to address the growing crisis of high dropout rates and low academic achievement as well as the school safety issues facing our nation's schools.

In most large school districts, approximately 30 percent of students who begin high school do not graduate. One out of every three ninth-graders has repeated at least one grade. A national survey of middle and high school teachers found that one out of every three teachers reports discipline as a major problem and that 25 percent of a teacher's typical day is spent dealing with the behavior of disruptive students.

CEP's goal is to partner with public schools and the community to serve these low-performing and disruptive students.

From the beginning, CEP created a measurable, working model for educating this special population of students. CEP currently works as a partner with the Houston Independent School District, the Orange County Public Schools, the School District of Philadelphia, Atlanta Public Schools, Bay District Schools, Richmond Public Schools, Pinellas County Schools, Charleston County School District and the School District of Palm Beach County.