

THE WHY, HOW AND WHAT OF ELEVATE

We're so glad you are here! You have signed up to engage in life-changing work. Through your work with ELEVATE, you will positively change the course of many lives, and there is no doubt that you too will change.

ELEVATE is more than a class; it is an Experience.

ELEVATE and its root organization, Colorado Uplift, have over 30 years of experience helping urban youth of the United States learn the character and skills they need to lead highly successful lives. We have helped tens of thousands of urban youth become doctors, lawyers, business owners, church leaders, educators and other professionals, who are literally changing the world for the better right now. Just like you are going to!

WHY WE ARE HERE:

We transform cities by building long-term, life-changing relationships with urban youth. ELEVATE USA is dedicated to **YOU!** We will help you learn more, achieve more and impact more. We believe in your ability to improve our nation and world through your dedication to live out your potential and lead others do the same.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION:

We're guided by the following seven values. They represent who we are and what we strive to be!

Vision:	Plan for and commit to a better future.
Courage:	Take risks to do what is right and good.
Integrity:	Live out values with consistency and in all circumstances.
Responsibility:	Fulfill commitments faithfully.
Positive Work Ethic:	Work hard with conviction and passion.
Respect:	Honor self and others.
Caring:	Meet others in their place of need.

We will change our community by being excellent role models and leading the way for those who come after us. In all that we do, we focus on modeling the following six life skills:

Career Minded	Communication
Decision Making and Relationships	Goal Setting
Positive Work Ethic	Problem Solving

WHAT WE DO:

We know how to grow leaders and you are now one of us! Congratulations!

We have worked hard to build the best urban youth leadership program. Our program includes:

1. In-School Support (this class)
2. After-School Mentoring
3. Adventure Programming
4. College Preparation

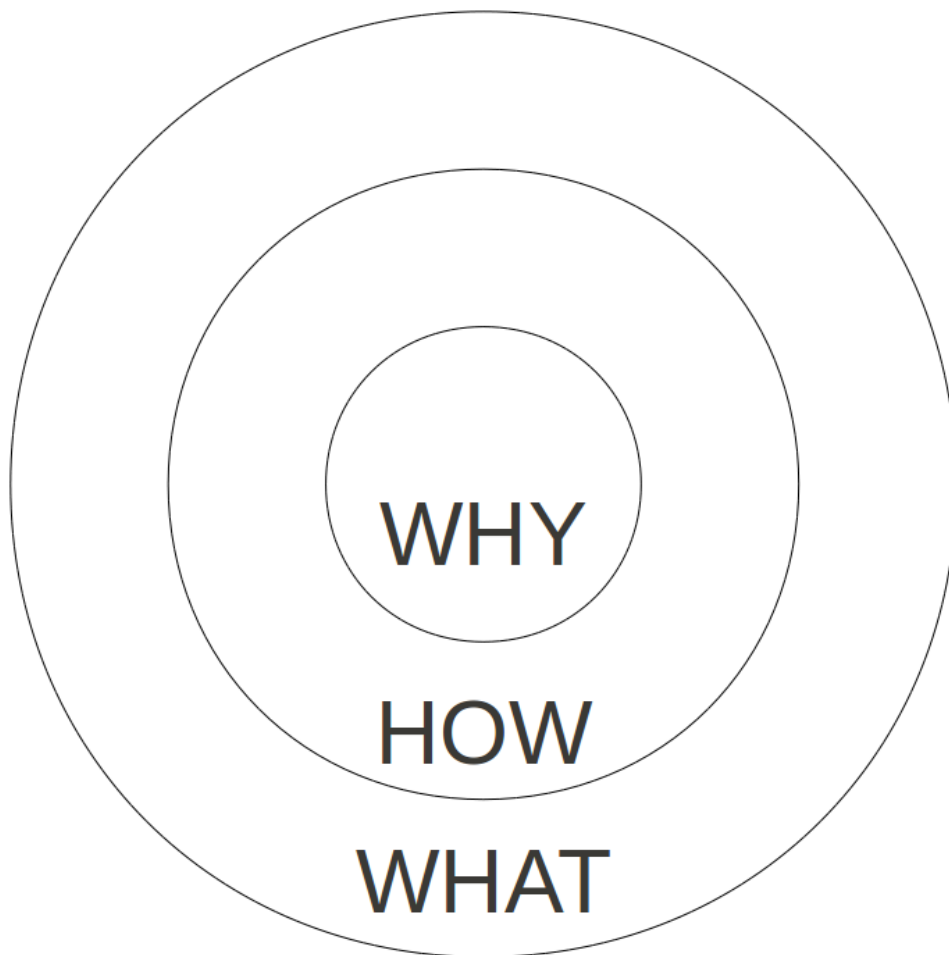
We have meticulously thought through every day of your experience in ELEVATE to learn the knowledge and habits necessary to master each of the character qualities and skills through the most effective learning strategies possible.

ELEVATER PROGRAM

In this class, we first teach you how to lead others; then, we give you the opportunity to lead!

We have paired you up as mentors with ___th grade students from _____ Elementary School. In your time with these students, you will guide and teach them activities based in the same character qualities and skills.

As you are learning about and improving yourself, you are also improving the lives of others who are following



The 'golden circle' from Simon Sinek

in your footsteps, and ultimately improving your entire community!

