

My name is Marvin Villasana I'm with the youth justice coalition. I'm here to talk about my experience in school and how I got push-out, when I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade I would see so many kids walking every-where around the school and the security would not do anything but help them ditch I would go to class slowly I was slipping. A lot of my cousins would go to the school the friend they would be around were also no help I would leave school with them a lot. When I started my 10<sup>th</sup> grade year I started getting known around the school so a lot of people would want me to draw something in their black books. I would have like 5 books at once and I would be drawing all day during class. Sometimes the teacher would let me draw. But when I started drawing every day for every class they said to put the books away cause they didn't like the smell of the markers they would take the books that weren't even mine. I would get kicked out of class for drawing in class I get send to the deans office for drawing in books. I felt like if I got pushed out cause they wouldn't let me draw I would get mad cause I really like to draw when they started keeping my friends black books I started having beef because my friend and people that would let me draw in them would think I was keeping them. I would be fighting every day because people would want me to buy them new books. One time I got busted cause they found markers in my back pack. They wanted me to snitch on all the writers in the school or else I was going to get

kicked out so they put me on contract and told not to be skipping I felt like never going to school or class ever after that.

I hated a lot of people cause of that I had a few teachers that I really like two of my art teachers and one of my english teachers. He's the one that introduced me to the VJC I'm really happy he told me about the VJC cause I think I would of gave up on school and kept on doing nothing with my life.

When I started my 11<sup>th</sup> grade I started noticing that a lot of people was finishing school and I no where near close to even finishing I would skip class cause I felt like I wasn't even caring about school.

I would end up walking all day around the school doing nothing but writing on things one time I set up a battle in the school.

I was simple just get up and to top the other person the battle started and the school got destroyed by everyone there was like to people killing. I also started having

kick backs that I would throw so that took a lot of my school time cause I had to supply all the things. I would have the kick backs

every Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, when I would get dropped off to school I would

just leave out the back I started feeling bad but I just kept on saying in my head that there is no point any more. when 11<sup>th</sup>

grade was ending like the last day of school was

when I really killed the school I got busted for drawing my friends name in her book