

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

You may have heard your child talking about “**Passages Presentations**” that are coming up for them at the end of the year (**June 6-7**). This email is to introduce you to the idea of Passages and to tell you how to sign up for a slot for your child.

What are Passages?

Passage Presentations are a fixture of many [EL Education](#) schools and are **culminating, student-led presentations** in which 8th grade students share a summary, analysis, and CELEBRATION of their growth through their middle school career and their READINESS for high school. Think of Passages as an extended, more involved “student-led conference” during which students share and talk through their “middle school portfolio” of sorts. Teachers, families, and other students attend and witness these public speaking presentations.

What do families need to do?

We really hope to have at least one family member (hopefully more) in attendance for each student.

- We have set up **day time AND evening slots** for Passage Presentations on Monday-Tuesday June 6th and 7th.
- If you or your family is able to make a slot during the day, please do! This will allow us to save the evening slots for those families who need them most.
- Each slot is 60 minutes long—your student’s actual presentation will be shorter (closer to 20 minutes), but we ask that you come and stay in the room for the full 60-minute session both to avoid interruptions and to be a part of the “community support” for 1 to 2 other presentations. If this is impossible, just let us know.
- If you absolutely can’t make it in person, we WILL set up a WebEx video link so you can attend virtually...though we think it will be much better in person.

[Here is the SIGN UP LINK.](#)

We look forward to this powerful “end of middle school” tradition and if you have any questions, please reach out!