

**Student-Led Conferences - FAQs**  
**2016 - 2017**  
**School Improvement Council Information**

Questions	Answers
<b>When are SLCs?</b>	6th Grade SLCs: February 22-23, 2017 7th Grade SLCs: March 1-2, 2017 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Note: We are willing to work with families with students in both grades on a case-by-case basis. Parents will just need to contact CREW leaders.
<b>How long do they last?</b>	15-25 minutes long CREW Leaders will allow for 30-minute blocks when scheduling.
<b>How many conferences are going on at once?</b>	CREW Leaders can have up to 4 conferences going on at one time in their classrooms. <b>Note: CREW Leaders will welcome and facilitate. They will not be involved in individual conferences.</b>
<b>How many times will student-led conferences occur this year?</b>	For the 2016-2017 school year, we will have student-led conferences <b>one time</b> for 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grades ONLY. Eighth grade students will prepare for Passages and will not participate in student-led conferences this year. More information about Passages will be provided at a later date.
<b>When will students prepare for SLCs?</b>	Preparation for SLCs will take place throughout the year in all classes and CREW (through reflections, portfolios, etc.). Third nine weeks CREW lessons will focus specifically on preparation and practice for SLCs.
<b>What will be discussed in the SLC?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>All students</b> will discuss HOS, goal-setting, academic and behavior progress, teacher feedback, multiple drafts, peer feedback on writing assignments, attendance records, artifacts documenting mastery of a learning target, artifacts documenting a learning target that was not mastered, supports needed, and parent Q &amp; A (at the end only)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Surveys?</b></p>	<p>Surveys will be school-generated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent surveys will be completed at the end of student presentations.</li> <li>● Student surveys will be completed during CREW (debrief).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there a protocol for parents to use?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Protocols and expectations will be taped to each table. Parents will also receive a note-catcher to complete during the student's presentation and sample questions to ask during Q &amp; A (at the end of the SLC). <b>It is the expectation that parents will not interrupt student presentations.</b></p>
<p><b>How will parents be encouraged to actively participate?</b></p>	<p>We sent home letters communicating the importance of student-led conferences at the beginning of the school year. CREW Leaders are expected to communicate and schedule conferences in a timely manner. This will be happening in the coming weeks.</p> <p>During the conferences, families will be encouraged to ask questions once student presentations are complete.</p>
<p><b>Will parents be able to share/discuss student concerns with teachers during SLCs?</b></p>	<p>We will only be conducting SLCs. If parents have concerns, there will be a form for them to complete at the end of the SLC to request a separate conference. Teachers will not be meeting or discussing student issues with parents at all during SLCs.</p> <p>Please remember that teachers will avail themselves at any other possible time to discuss concerns with parents. However, on the days of SLCs, they are there as a source of support for their CREW members.</p>
<p><b>What is the expectation for attendance in SLCs?</b></p>	<p>100%</p> <p>All students will participate in a student-led conference. It is our expectation that 100% of our families will participate as well.</p>