

HALL PASS TOUR

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

Being a high school student is hard. Access to the future is often determined by skin color, zip code and bank account – factors students have no control over. The pressure to create new pathways in high-stakes environments can leave students overwhelmed and disengaged from school. This is the generation expected to carry us forward as the next great thinkers, leaders and doers. Students need school experiences where they are building skills to exercise agency over their future.

TAKE A PASS

Every school community has a natural treasure: big dreamers. Sometimes they just need a little help. The Hall Pass Tour is a student-powered campaign concert series. We operate in high-need rural and urban public school communities – going places people often don't.

FIND YOUR JAM

At each school, student ambassador teams participate in our semester-long, challenge-based course supported by Hall Pass Tour artists, program managers and activists. Serving in roles from stage crew to community organizers, students design, plan and produce a concert campaign around a school community issue they would like to solve. The capstone concert features issue-focused stories & performances by student openers accompanied by a Hall Pass Tour sponsored headlining act.

CAN-DO CREW

After the concert, staff, parents and community stakeholders are invited to a student-led community caucus. Powered by the momentum of the concert, this intergenerational can-do crew digs into a refreshed toolbox of assets to design a plan of action to tackle their campaign issue.

BRING IT BACK

A hall pass can only work for others if the last person to use it returns it. This spirit drives our work. When students experience transformative learning through change-making, they become empathetic, engaged citizens with a broadened circle of concern. Since 2011, we have impacted over 50,000 students in 15 states nationwide.

FOUNDER

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BUILD

We're creating the next iteration of the tour and we need your voice.

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