

CREATING

ENGAGED CLASSROOMS

a practical approach to fostering connection, compassion, character and academic excellence

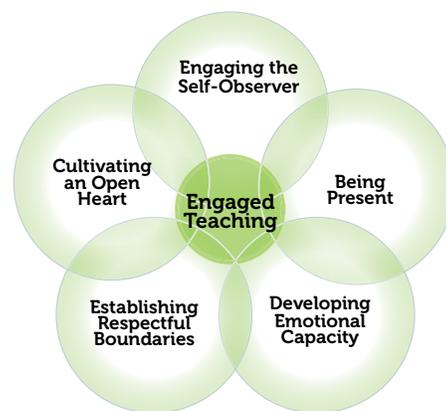
Based on the principles and practices in the 5 Dimensions of Engaged Teaching and The Soul of Education.

This highly experiential course for K-12 educators will offer core practices and principles that foster students' social, emotional, and academic development and support teachers to develop and sustain an intentional teaching practice. Educators will experience practical tools and strategies for creating rigorous, relationship-based learning communities. This approach supports students to excel academically, think creatively and critically, develop their leadership capacities, manage their emotions, work with others who are different from themselves, and communicate effectively.

This course will explore ways educators can:

- Create a caring learning community where students increase focus and motivation, develop empathy and compassion, and experience a sense of meaning and purpose
- Participate in creating a thriving culturally responsive school climate
- Integrate social, emotional and academic learning in any content area
- Utilize focusing activities, silence, mindfulness, play, symbolic and creative expression, and community building in any classroom
- Support the inner lives* of students in schools
- Address stages of group development throughout the 'learning journey' of the school year
- Support students to effectively navigate transitions
- Develop and sustain an intentional teaching practice through the 'teaching presence' framework
- Reconnect with their "spark" for teaching

*By "inner life" we refer to that essential aspect of human nature that yearns for deep connection, grapples with questions about meaning, and seeks a sense of purpose and genuine self-expression.



Five Dimensions of Engaged Teaching Principles and Practices

Earn Graduate Credit

One (1) graduate credit through Colorado State University for an additional \$61.

For more information about engaged teaching and to register, please visit passageworks.org/event/creating-engaged-classrooms

Facilitators



Ari Gerzon-Kessler, MA - Ari is the Director of Parent and Family Partnerships for the Boulder Valley School District. Previously, Ari served in principal and assistant principal roles at several elementary schools. Additionally, he has taught at elementary and high school levels. He is the author of two books and his writings on education have been featured in a variety of publications. Ari is passionate about helping teachers grow and cultivate the social and emotional intelligence of their students.



Carrie Simpson - Carrie has taught K/1st grade in Colorado for more than a decade. Over the last 15 years, she has also taught adults in a variety of settings: mentoring and facilitating coursework for intern teachers, presenting child development and social/emotional topics, and leading PassageWorks courses. She co-authored, with Rachael Kessler, the PassageWorks Kindergarten transitions curriculum and was a member of the writing team for the *The 5 Dimensions of Engaged Teaching*.



Date

Friday, April 20
(5pm-8:30pm)
Sat. & Sun. April 21 & 22
(8:30am-5pm)

\$550 Course Fee
\$450 Early Bird Rate

Group Rates & Scholarships Available
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Location

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