

PATHWAY HIGH

JUNIOR DEFENSE

GUEST EVALUATOR
WILL YOU JOIN US?

June 6: 8:45 - 11:45 am or
June 7: 8:45 - 11:45 am



WHAT IS DEFENSE?



The Mastery Credit Defense Process usually occurs in a student's junior year and culminates with students demonstrating their mastery of learning in a presentation to a panel of evaluators.

Defense Components:

- **Mastery Credit:** Students identify a subject area for which they wish to pursue a mastery credit. Their evidence of mastery is included on their final digital Mastery Transcript.
- **Project Evidence:** Students select projects and work products they have completed over the course of one or more trimesters to demonstrate mastery of learning in a specific credit area.
- **Defense Presentation/Evaluation:** Using a rigorous defense rubric, a panel of evaluators, including a content expert, reviews all elements of the defense presentation and work products and comes to consensus on an overall defense score. The evaluation panel is not a rubber stamp as the average first time pass rate is 65%.

PAST DEFENSE TOPICS

Defense Topic/Credit Area:

- *Exploring History through Podcasting/Civic Engagement*
- *Creating a Computer Program to Analyze Minecraft Processes/STEM*
- *Poetry as an Outlet for Supporting Youth Mental Health/Communication Arts*
- *Guerrilla Art to Build Community/Design Thinking*
- *Creating a Clothing Line/Civic Engagement*
- *Building an eSports Computer Lab/STEM*

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"I wasn't sure exactly what to expect as a guest evaluator on the Junior Defense panel. However, the actual experience blew me away. There was a teacher that gave us some background on the process and the student, but the best part of the panel was a student panelist who was absolutely invested in the process and led our way with their thoughts and comments. The students that presented their work were interesting, invested, passionate, and impressive. I'd do it again in a heartbeat and if you are invited – say yes!"

– Julie Davis, Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Questions or to join a defense evaluation panel, please contact Franz Meyer, fmeyer@pathwayshigh.org