



Student Portfolios: What?



- Portfolios are purposeful collections of student work that exhibit students' efforts, progress and achievements in one or more areas.
- Portfolios involve the students in the collection, selection, self-reflection and evaluation of entries. Peers and parents can also be involved.
- Portfolios contain a variety of dated student products.

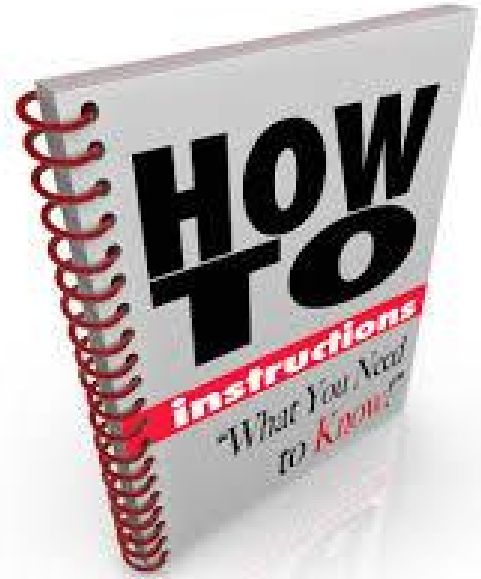
Student Portfolios: Why?



- To gather authentic assessment information
- To provide all students an opportunity to demonstrate growth and proficiency over time
- To build a student's sense of responsibility for his/her learning
- To promote an ongoing process where students demonstrate, assess and revise in order to improve and produce quality work
- To provide opportunities to assess both process and products
- To allow for student and peer reflection and goal setting

Student Portfolios: How?

1. Establish a purpose and focus.
2. Decide on a container design.
3. Introduce students to “portfolios”.
4. Collect work samples.
5. Develop selection criteria collaboratively.
6. Encourage student self-reflection.
7. Establish and communicate evaluation criteria.
8. Conference and set goals with students.
9. Share portfolios at parent/teacher/student conferences.
10. Celebrate successes and continually update the portfolio.



Student Portfolios: When?

- Ongoing throughout the year to document growth and learning over time
- Upon completion of a unit of study
- Specific to a subject area (e.g. math portfolio)
- As “best” works are recognized
- As key learning expectations are achieved by the student



What Can Go Into a Student's Portfolio?

- Introduction
- Table of Contents
- Journal entries
- Projects and assignments
- Tests, quizzes and rubrics
- Writing samples
- Maps, charts and graphs
- Reading/Learning logs
- Conference forms
- Parent/Guardian responses
- Self and peer reflections
- Art work
- Awards and certificates
- Photographs
- Audio and video recordings

Digital Portfolio: Fresh Grade

Fresh Grade is “a free web and mobile based app increasing communication and collaboration between parents, teachers and students through digital portfolios”.



<https://www.freshgrade.com/>