

Portfolio?

WHY

Why create a portfolio?

- ❖ Proof of schooling
- ❖ Easier to see academic progress
- ❖ Encourages "ownership" of learning
- ❖ Teaching encouragement
- ❖ Compliance with NH law
- ❖ Memento
- ❖ To show the in-laws

WHO

Who creates the Portfolio?

Teachers typically create a portfolio for the younger student. However, as students grow, their participation helps them "own" their work. High schoolers should be working toward the goal of independent documentation.

Who keeps the portfolio?

The parent retains ownership of the portfolio (unless you choose to make special arrangements with your agency)

HOW

How do I do this?

Don't Panic!

Just set aside materials as they're completed. Fill in "low paper" subjects with written summaries, journals, pictures, etc.

How long do I have to store this?

New Hampshire law specifies two years, but everyone has different comfort levels. High School studies should be kept together and passed on to your graduate.

WHAT

What could go into a portfolio?

Apprenticeship Records	Reading lists
Art projects	Reading Assessments
Assignment Books	Recordings & Video
Awards & Certificates	Report Cards
Composition Pieces	School Philosophy
Curriculum List	Scope & Sequences
Essays	Scrapbook Pages
Evaluations by mentors	Sports Records
Grades	Standardized Tests
Lap Books	Student Journals
Lesson Plans	Student Reflections
Library Printouts	Syllabus
Maps	Tests & Quizzes
Newspaper Clippings	Transcript
Teaching Journal	Workbook pages
Photographs	Writing samples
Programs from events	Yearly Summaries...

WHERE

Where do I keep this stuff?

During the school year, keep papers in a notebook, folio, box, files, or *wall file*.

An assembled portfolio can be a notebook, folio, folder or box filled with materials.

(Make sure that your storage box is labeled... don't let nine months of work fall to a zealous cleaning spree!)

WHEN

When do I create the portfolio?

- ❖ Set work aside throughout the year
- ❖ Date items *as you go!*
- ❖ Sort into portfolio regularly during the year
- ❖ Year's end: tear out workbook pages
- ❖ Finalize portfolio in the Spring

Even if you school year round, don't worry!
A portfolio is simply a snapshot of the last year's work.