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Introduction, course outline, videos, e-portfolio and blog

**Blog and e-portfolio**

Introduction (*the concept of e-portfolio*)

A portfolio at the K-12 education level is essentially a collection of a student's work, which can be used to demonstrate his or her skills and accomplishments. An educational portfolio is more than just a group of projects and papers stored in a file folder. It includes other features such as teachers' evaluations and student self-reflections. According to the Northwest Evaluation Association, a portfolio is "a purposeful collection of student work that exhibits the student's efforts, progress, and achievements. The collection must include student participation in selecting contents, the criteria for selection, the criteria for judging merit, and evidence of student self-reflection" (Paulson, Paulson, & Meyer, 1991, page 61). A portfolio may be used to demonstrate a student's achievements in specific subject areas such as mathematics and science or it may be used across the curriculum to assess abilities in all subject areas.

[What is an e-portfolio?](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_portfolio)

The used of portfolio in a second language context.

Is it possible to evaluate; reading, writing, speaking and listening throughout e-portfolio?

Example of different type of portfolio.

**Process or Developmental portfolios.**

A teacher who is interested in documenting a student's improvements throughout a school year can have the student keep a developmental portfolio containing samples of the student's work along with self-evaluations of specific assignments. Such a portfolio provides specific documentation which can be used for student evaluations and parent conferences

**Showcase portfolios.**

A showcase portfolio can document a student's best work accomplished during an entire educational career. It can include the research papers, art work, and science experiments which best represent the student's skills and abilities.

**Teacher planning.**

Teachers may use an existing portfolio system in order to receive information about an incoming class of students. The teacher may gain a better understanding of the ability levels of his or her students prior to the start of the school year and plan accordingly.

**Proficiency portfolios.**

Central Park East Secondary School in New York City uses portfolios as a means for determining graduation eligibility. Students at this school are required to complete fourteen portfolios, which demonstrate their competence and performance in areas such as science and technology, ethics and social issues, community service, and history (Gold & Lanzoni, 1993).

**Employment skills portfolios.**

Businesses across the country are increasingly interested in viewing student portfolios in order to evaluate a prospective employee's work readiness skills. Students in the Michigan public schools, for example, are creating employability skills portfolios to demonstrate their skills to prospective employers (Stemmer, Brown, & Smith, 1992).

**College admission portfolios.**

Colleges and universities are using showcase portfolios to determine eligibility for admission. By requiring portfolios from prospective students, college or university admissions officers are better able to assess applicants' potential for success at their institutions.

Here are some references for e-portfolio.

[Dr. Helen Barrett](http://electronicportfolios.com/)

Educause e-portfolio

[e-portfolio for starters](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6B3tujXlbdk)

[What is a blog?](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog)

How to create a blog with blogger?

**Work to do:**

1) Create a Google account

2) Go to [Blogger](https://www.google.com/accounts/ServiceLogin?service=blogger&continue=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blogger.com%2Floginz%3Fd%3Dhttp%3A%2F%2Fwww.blogger.com%2Fhome%26a%3DADD_SERVICE_FLAG&passive=true&alinsu=0&aplinsu=0&alwf=true&ltmpl=start&skipvpage=true&rm=f#s01) and create your own blog and introduce yourself as a first posting.
Chose a theme, first posting insert picture and a video

**Posting 1 – reflection (should be post by July 5th )**