Using Google Sites for student e-Portfolios

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Learn how to create powerful e-Portfolios using Google Sites that can showcase your student's work. Go paperless and allow student work to be saved to the cloud using Google Apps for Education. Have students produce their portfolios electronically that can be shared to high schools or for college admissions.

What is an “e-Portfolio?”
An e-Portfolio is an online/digital showcase of student work and growth throughout their years in school designed to provide an authentic audience, foster deeper learning, and provide an alternative form of assessment.

Authentic Audience
Every final draft my students complete is done for an outside audience. It may be for a small audience of Kindergarten children or a national audience on educational television. Either way, my role as teacher is not as the sole judge of their work but rather similar to that of a sports coach or a play director: I am helping them to get their work ready for the public eye. There is a reason to do the work well, and it’s not just because the teacher wants it that way.

Deeper Learning
• Mastery of Core Academic Content
• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
• Collaboration
• Effective Communication
• Self-Directed Learning
• Academic Mindsets

Using and Electronic Technology to Support Alternative Assessment Portfolios
• http://electronicportfolios.org/portfolios.html

Planning a student e-Portfolio
• Items for Student e-Portfolios
• Artwork
SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS
☐ Use complete sentences throughout your project reflection paragraph.
☐ Identify why the project was important enough to include on your digital portfolio.
☐ Share what was easy about the project.
☐ Share what was difficult about the project.
☐ Share the most important thing you learned during the project.
☐ Share how what you learned might help you in the future.
☐ Share what you want to learn about next.

SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR YEARLY REFLECTIONS
☐ Use complete sentences throughout your monthly reflection paragraph.
☐ Identify the most important thing you learned during the entire month.
☐ Identify your favorite thing that happened during the entire month.
☐ Identify the person you appreciated the most during the entire month.
☐ Identify your favorite book you read during the entire month.

HOW WILL YOU MODEL YOUR PURPOSE FOR STUDENTS?
• Professional Development Time
• Class Time
• Partnerships
• Open Houses

HOW-TO WITH GOOGLE SITES
• Log-in to your GAFE account: sites.google.com
• Select a Template
• Name a Site
• Select a Location
• Select a Theme
• Create a Layout
• Upload Images
• Insert Text
• Link to Google Docs
• Add a Page
• Share the Site
• Publish a Template
Login to the student Google Apps for Education (GAFE) account:
Click Accept

Welcome to your new account:

Your account is compatible with many Google services, but your organization's administrator decides which services you may access using your account. For help about using your new account, visit the Google Help Center.

When you use Google services, your domain administrator will have access to the email address you supplied when you signed up to use Google services. You can learn more here, or by consulting your organization's privacy policy, if one exists. You can choose to maintain a separate account for your personal use of any Google services, including email. If you have multiple Google accounts, you can manage which account you use with Google services and switch between them whenever you choose. Your username and profile picture can help you ensure that you're using the intended account.

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Click the menu grid and click Sites

Click Create. Click Browse the gallery for more.
Choose Student ePortfolio for all ______ students. Click Select.

Name the site with the student first name and initial of the last name or last two letters of the last name as it is on the account you used to login with. Example johnd or johndo (if the first account exists).
Click Create. Now the template will appear. Start uploading to the site by clicking on the corresponding grade tab.

**Recommended Reading**