

MMS Digital Portfolio & Capstone Project



Agenda:

Digital Portfolio

- What is the Digital Portfolio?
- Why a Digital Portfolio?
- How does the Digital Portfolio get implemented?

Capstone

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The Digital Portfolio



What is a Digital Portfolio?

A digital portfolio tracks a student's growth as a learner across all settings and includes:

- **Student-created goals:** Identifies areas of interest as a reader, writer, and thinker
- **Student work:** Showcases process of work completion across subject areas
- **Student-written reflections:** Evaluates accomplishments, challenges, and areas for growth

Why a Digital Portfolio?

For Parents:

- Replaces literacy folders
- Fosters understanding of the learning process

For Students:

- Analyze growth of ideas, skills, and concepts over time
- Capture work in progress
- Share work with parents

For Teachers:

- Provides a tool to check for understanding
- Encourages reflection and goal setting

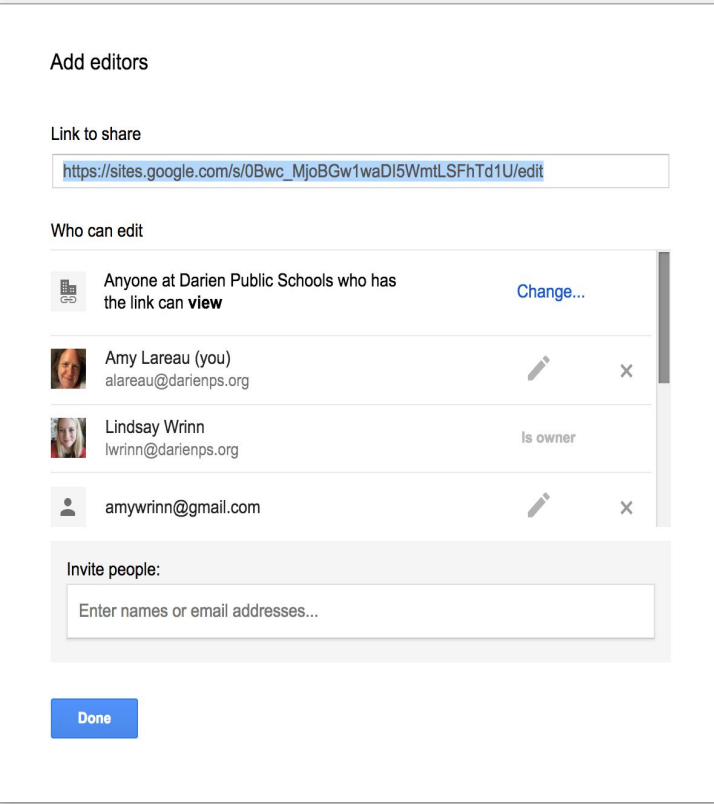
When will portfolio work occur?

When will it be considered “completed”?

- FLEX period- Goals, reflections
- Class time - Specific criteria, upload work
- Student’s own time- Optional work
- Portfolio travels year to year through MMS

Where is the Digital Portfolio found?

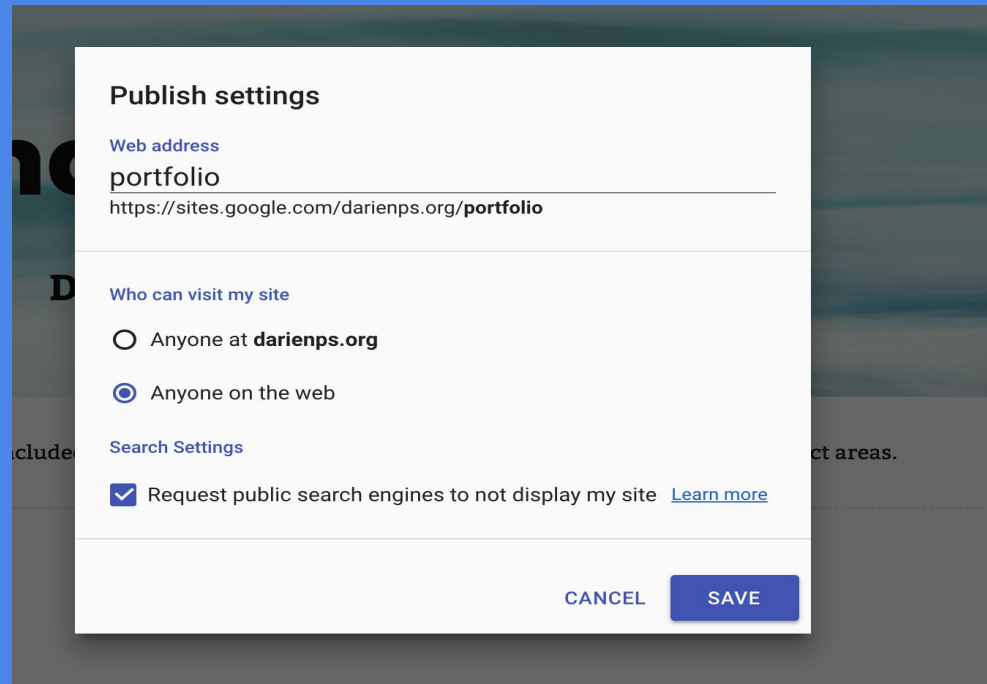
- Student Google Drive(s)
- Parents should be **collaborators**
- Some work may need to be shared



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Who can see the Digital Portfolio?

- Parents, students, and teachers (with link)
- Privacy settings



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Publish settings

Web address
portfolio
https://sites.google.com/darienps.org/**portfolio**

Who can visit my site

- Anyone at **darienps.org**
- Anyone on the web

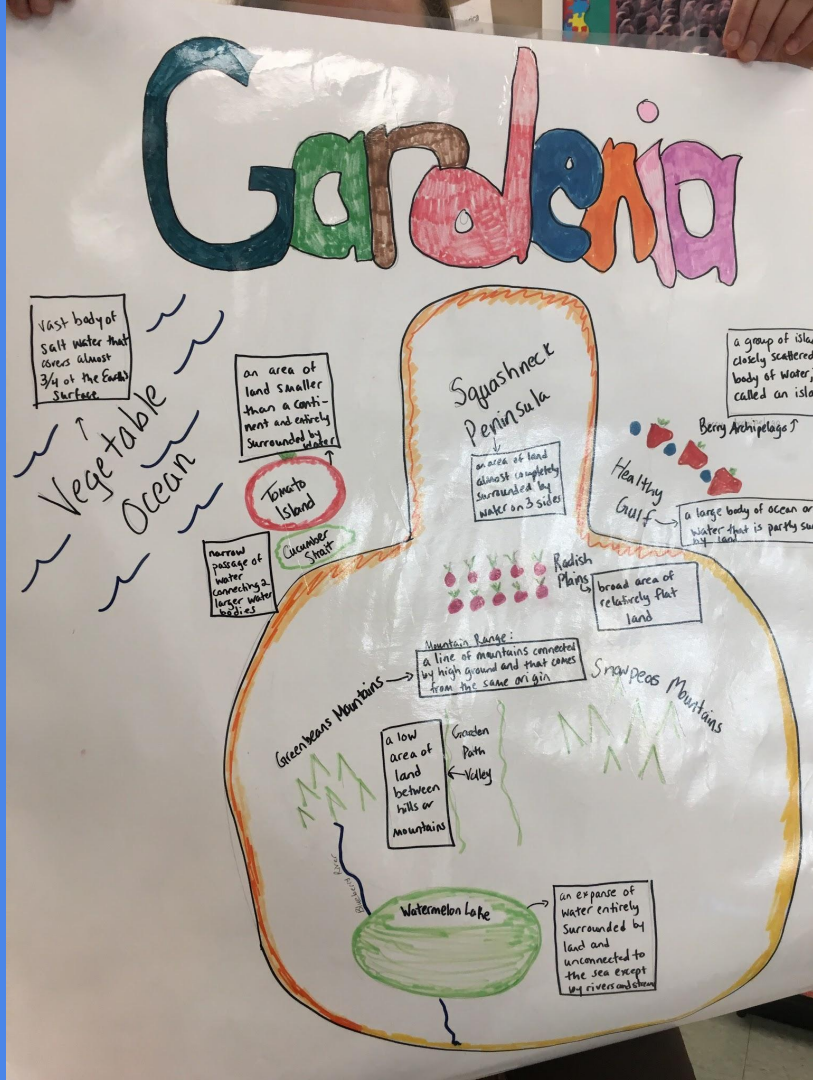
Search Settings

- Request public search engines to not display my site [Learn more](#)

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Social Studies

Sample student entry slip.



This is a poster our group made to show understanding of geography terms. We created a fake country and labeled physical features that are connected by a theme.

What happens as students transition to the next grade?

- Teachers able to review Portfolio work
- Portfolio remains on Google Drive
- New tab created for new grade level

Capstone Project

Personalized Inquiry
Meaningful Connections



What is a Capstone Project?

An inquiry-based, culminating experience across three grades

- Driven by students' curiosity and interest
- Facilitated by teachers , counselors, and administrators
- Focused on research, critical thinking, and presentation skills

Why Capstone?

Goal: To empower students to take responsibility for their own learning as they examine real world problems:

- Pursue interests
- Build connections and awareness between community and world issues
- Apply knowledge and skills to effect change

Capstone Across the Grades: Topic Selection

- 6th Grade: Change in MMS/Darien
- 7th Grade: Change in Connecticut
- 8th Grade: Global Change

Capstone Project Focus Across the Grades

	Task	Skills	Culminating Activity
6th Grade	Recognize need for change	-Research Methods -Credible Sources -Video production	WeVideo
7th Grade	Develop position for change	-Create Claim -Organize and prioritize research	Present argument to selected panel
8th Grade	Create and implement action plan for change	-Synthesize knowledge and learning to advocate for change	Student-chosen (range of options)

Skill Development

- Critical Thinking
- Goal Setting
- Inquiry and Research
- Communication/Presentation

Capstone Project : WHEN does this work happen?

Extended Flex - 1 time/month

- Teacher Intro
- Student Driven Activity/Work
- Whole Group Activity/Work
- Individual Task/Exit Work
- Optional/extended activities

(Separate from SEL/FLEX activities)

Capstone Project

The Capstone Project work:

- Stored on the digital portfolio
- NOT in place of digital portfolio
- Extends learning process depicted in Portfolio entries

Example of Digital Portfolio with Capstone: WeVideo

[Example of Capstone Activity](#)

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