

Portfolio Guidelines

Home Instruction Law 13A.10.01.01, " a parent or guardian who chooses to provide a home instruction program for his or her child shall maintain a portfolio of materials which demonstrates that the parent or guardian is providing regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the areas of language arts, math, social studies, science, art, music, health and physical education. It includes relevant materials such as instructional materials, reading materials, and examples of the child's writings, worksheets, workbooks, creative materials and tests. The portfolio shall be reviewed by the superintendent's designee at such times as are mutually agreeable to the designee and the parent or guardian."

Parents or guardians may elect to provide a transcript from an accredited or unaccredited online program or college in lieu of a portfolio.

Suggestions for compiling an effective portfolio:

- Place your child's daily work in a large box tabbed with the subjects. At the end of the month, have your child pick their best work and have him/her place it in the portfolio.
- The portfolio will have writing samples, creative materials, photos, tests, book summaries, journals, work book pages and other materials that show the child's work. There would be 8 to 10 examples of the child's best work at the end of the school year.
- This portfolio then can be shown to the superintendent's designee (home school monitor) and can be kept by the family for a record of that child's work for the year.