

Portfolio and Evaluator's Report

for

(Student Name)

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Portfolio binder inserts.

This file includes a cover page and two spine inserts (you only need one per binder) to use with a 3" binder.

They are designed for the kind of binder that has a clear pocket on the front and the spine (EZ View is one brand.) I suggest you spend a little extra to get the D-ring kind, since I was truly annoyed each time I opened mine when I didn't.

Remember to write in your name, address and phone number so that the school district or evaluator can contact you when they are finished reviewing your portfolio. Also write in the student name, grade, and the school year (for example, 2001-2002).

An easy way to create a portfolio is to get a bunch of sheet protectors to put in your binder. Now, whenever you go somewhere - summer reading club, concert in the park, day camp, chess club, zoo, library story hour, whatever it is you do, pick up a flyer about it and stick it into one of the sheet protectors. Other ideas include copies of thank-you notes, drawings, maps, etc. Consider adding photos (some do, some don't). If you want, you can slip in a small strip of paper with a caption explaining the item.

Voila! Instant portfolio! We call this "gathering portfolio fodder".

Especially for younger children, you can come up with a LOT of stuff for the portfolio this way, without having to do anything resembling "school at home" if you don't want to. And you'd be surprised how quickly that binder can fill up.

Towards the end of the year, look at your portfolio and see if you'd like to create anything especially for the portfolio. Are there any subjects you'd like to represent that aren't there yet?

By the way – do talk with experienced home educators and read the law for yourself. No need to go overboard with the portfolio.