



## STARS SENIOR TRACT ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES:

Please follow these guidelines as you put together your “Academic Portfolio” and prepare for your “Portfolio Conference” at the end of each semester.

- Your Portfolio is a collection of your “best work” for each semester saved on a portable hard drive. Only “GRADED WORK” from the current semester may be included in your portfolio - do not include last minute work that you did not submit on time and for which you did not receive a grade.
- If you have revised, edited, and improved your work (so that you can score higher on your portfolio), then you must place copies of both your unchanged graded work, along with new copies of the revised and improved work, on your disk or pen drive - be ready to share how you have improved the work.
- **Place items in your portfolio in the order outlined below.** Hard copy items, such as math work, can be scanned and saved. For your web work, simply provide an active link to your working web pages.
- Review and “test” all your portfolio files before your conference. You will get no credit for missing or broken files that will not open. Remember to keep your files for future reference. You may need some of them to put together a portfolio for scholarship committees, college admissions, or other special programs in the future.

### \*Section One: Language Arts

- Two of your best “*Literary Projects*” for this semester – be prepared to demonstrate your projects and talk about them in detail during the conference!

**Average Score for Language Arts:**

### \*Section Two: Social Studies

- Copy of your best “*History/Cultural*” Presentation made this semester – be ready to discuss in-depth and demonstrate sections of the presentation in conference!

- Copy of your best “*Global Issues Project*” Presentation made this semester – be ready to discuss your personal involvement in conference!

- Your Social Studies Notebook (electronic copy) – be prepared to discuss in-depth any and all presentations made by other students in class!

**Average Score for Social Studies:**

### \*Section Three: Science

- Science “*Research Paper*” – include each section (one from each quarter) that you have completed for the semester/year and be ready to discuss in-depth during conference!

- Copy of your end of semester “*Research Project*” presentation; which updates your research project progress to date – be ready to demonstrate sections of the presentation in conference!

**Average Score for Science:**

## \*Section Four: Math

- Six example problems (3 from each quarter) – must be stored in your computer files – that exemplify what you have been learning in math this semester – be prepared to demonstrate these problems in conference!
- One data table (from your project work) and its corresponding graphs – be prepared to analyze & explain the data in conference!
- Your best “*Math Project*” for this semester – be prepared to demonstrate your project and talk about it in detail during your conference!

**Average Score for Math:**

## \*Section Five: Computer Technology

- Web Work - demonstrate your web building proficiency by displaying your project and expedition web pages that you have been responsible for keeping updated this semester!
- Any of your best “*Computer Tech Projects*” for this semester – be prepared to demonstrate your projects and talk about them in detail during the conference!

**Average Score for Computer Tech:**

## \*Extracurricular Activities and Community Service:



Submit a 250 word “*Activities Summary*” with pictures on each extracurricular and/or community service activity in which you have been participating during the past semester – be ready to discuss each activity during the conference and tell why it is important to you.

*You will be awarded a 1% bonus, applied directly to your semester GPA in each academic content area, for each quality summary you submit - (caution: each summary must meet the necessary word count and pictures are required)!*



Self Assessment: Submit a 500 word (minimum) “*Self Assessment Narrative*” in which you describe yourself and important ways you think you have grown this semester:

- 1.) Important things I have learned this semester...
- 2.) Things I would like to learn more about in the future...
- 3.) Accomplishments I have achieved this semester...
- 4.) Important things I would like to accomplish in the future...
- 5.) Ways in which I have grown and matured during this semester...
- 6.) Ways in which I think I still need to grow and change as I look to the future...

*You will be awarded a 2% bonus, applied directly to your semester GPA in each academic content area, for a well written, in-depth, self assessment narrative – (caution: you must meet necessary word count)!*

**Activity Bonus Points:**

**Assessment Bonus Points:**