



STARS SEMESTER 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 disk or 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. Never delete, always save all your graded work!
- 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 “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

Copy of your best “*Literary Critique*” written on a book that you have read on your own this semester – be prepared to discuss the book in detail, including: author, setting, characters, plot/conflict, theme!

One “*Theme Paper*” – be prepared to discuss in depth the book, the author, and the major themes you’ve discovered during the conference!

Any 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 “*Global Issues Project*” Presentation made this semester – be ready to discuss your personal involvement in the project during conference – (*Same as Science – Below*)

One Social Studies “*Issue Paper*” (with 3 sources) that you wrote this semester.

One Social Studies “*Journal Report*” (with 1 source) that you wrote this semester.

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

- Present your Project or Library “*Research Paper*” – include each section (one from each quarter) that you have completed for the semester and be ready to discuss in-depth during conference!
- Copy of your “Global Issues Project” Presentation made this semester – be ready to discuss your personal involvement in the project during conference – (*Same as Social Studies – Above*)
- One Science “*Issue Paper*” (with 3 sources) that you wrote this semester.
- One Science “*Journal Report*” (with 1 source) that you wrote this semester.

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 either project or expedition work) and the 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!
- Submit your best “*Internet Research Summary*” – be prepared to discuss in 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 the necessary word count)!

Activity Bonus Points:

Assessment Bonus Points: