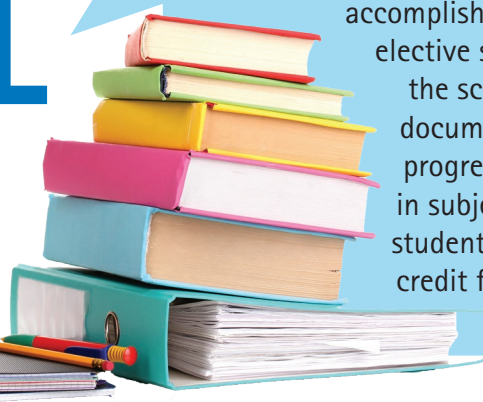


# WHAT IS A HOMESCHOOL PORTFOLIO?

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A homeschool portfolio is a record of what each of your students has accomplished in the core and elective subjects during the school year. It documents educational progress and mastery in subjects so that your students can be given credit for their work.

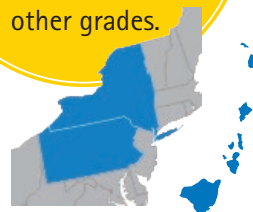


To understand your [state's homeschool requirements](#) and if you should submit a homeschool portfolio, take a look at this [helpful resource](#)

Ten states allow parents to choose between standardized testing and portfolio reviews.



Three states mandate testing for some grades and allow parents to choose between testing and portfolio reviews for other grades.



One state (Maryland) relies on portfolio reviews.



## TIPS ON CREATING THE BEST HOMESCHOOL PORTFOLIO

(without losing your mind!)

1

Start developing your portfolio early in the year

2

At the end of each month, spend 1 hour per student organizing your portfolio to stay on track. Make sure to include your kids in the process!

4

Include a record sheet in the front or back of your portfolio. Then, add grades or print out grade reports on a monthly basis.

1

Show all work regardless of the grades. Evaluators want to see progress, not perfection!

5

Challenge your students to add their favorite projects and examples of work to show their accomplishments!

# WHAT SHOULD GO IN YOUR HOMESCHOOL PORTFOLIO?

Homeschool portfolios are not an exact science. All good portfolios include the following to keep your portfolio clean, clear, and organized.



1

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Organize based upon subject. Don't forget your extracurriculars and required elements like Physical Education.

3

## CURRICULUM LIST

Include a list of the curriculum you are using with publisher names and dates.

7

## GRADE RECORD

Recording grades is essential to show mastery and progress. Do this for every core subject.

2

## TAB SHEET SEPARATORS

You don't want your homeschool portfolio to look like you threw it together in a day. Make sure to separate each subject with tab separators!

4

## HOURLY/DAILY LOG

Add a log for each subject and overall days of learning. Some states require you to complete a certain number of days or hours. It is best to know this in advance!

8

## READING LOG

Show how much and how often your students are reading. This is where many homeschoolers excel!

5

## EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

Include artwork, music, field trips, etc., to show your student is well-rounded.

6

## LESSON PLANS

Include your curriculum maps, lesson plans, and goals.

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## EXAMPLES OF WORK

Include all work, not just the good stuff! Allow your students to pick some of the assignments that they would like to include.



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