

## M.O.R.E of Baltimore

# Homeschool Portfolio & Review

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## Prepare Your Homeschool Portfolio

- WHAT IS A HOMESCHOOL PORTFOLIO?
  - A portfolio is an organized collection of records & documents, lists & schedules, and work samples & photos that tell the story of your child's year of homeschooling.
- A portfolio is NOT... Everything your child has accomplished all year!
- All your student's portfolio documents can be held in:
  - A 3-Ring Binder with dividers for each subject
  - A Google Drive file with all your samples of work saved in that file
- A portfolio can be...plain or fancy, but must contain:
  - Letter of Intent
  - Curriculum List
  - Basic Schedule – Not required, but provides a clear explanation of routine. List days you homeschool
  - Reading Logs - List of Book Titles, Authors and # of minutes child reads daily
  - Daily Activities– An important element required by law. Make a basic template you can copy which Includes subjects and days of the week. Write down what you are planning and accomplishing each week in simple terms.
  - Work Samples -
    - Provide three (3) pages of this for each subject area studied, (English, Social Studies, Science, Math, PE, Art, Music and Health) one from the beginning, middle, and end of the year. You can scan samples into a file on your computer throughout the year, or keep worksheets in your binder and scan them to the evaluator. Photos and recordings of projects count. The goal is to show progress throughout the year.
  - Special Projects/Awards/Extras - Although not required by law, it shows the well-roundedness of the Education provided. This section may include:
    - Photos of: Field Trips, Museum Trips, Volunteer Work, Sports, Clubs/Hobbies, Recitals or Performances, Travel/Vacations



## Prepare For Your Homeschool Review

Whether your homeschool review is done by a State of Maryland homeschool evaluator, or your review is completed by an Umbrella group, you should be preparing NOW for your twice a year review.

The first review is generally in January and the second is around May or June

Here's your responsibilities as a Homeschool Parent:

- Families must notify their local school system of their intent to homeschool a minimum of 15 days before their official homeschooling start date.
- COMAR requires families to update their local school system of any change in status including enrollment in school, change in umbrella enrollment, new student enrollment, change of address.
- Per state regulations, families must show evidence of regular and thorough instruction in 8 subjects: English, Social Studies, Science, Math, PE, Art, Music and Health. Generally, students should be covering all 8 subjects each academic year.

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