

Windermere Preparatory Middle School Student Portfolios

OVERVIEW

Middle School students maintain digital portfolios to showcase their learning, progress, and development. These portfolios offer a perfect venue in which students compile their learning in an innovative and individualized manner. Due to their dynamic nature, the portfolios grow with their students, showing evidence of growth, demonstrating assessment, and requiring reflection.

RATIONALE

As students curate, reflect, revise, and present their compilation of work, they prepare their online persona for college and beyond. Such a task is essential in succeeding in our digital world. Portfolios help students craft professional, web-based identities that help admissions officers and employers discern if the student is a good fit for the opportunity at hand. Portfolios showcase the whole person, rather than limited to a test score. Much <u>research</u> supports the use of portfolios to assess, compile, and reflect on student learning and growth.

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Understand that learning is a process that requires revision
- Own and individualize learning
- Gain a view of themselves as writers, learners, and emerging adults
- Recognize the importance of professionalism in writing, presentation, and self
- Utilize the skill of metacognition
- Achieve mastery in order to showcase learning
- Practice the art of reflection
- Hone skills necessary for the 21st century