

District of Columbia Homeschool Portfolio Checklist

Work down this list once a term and the annual review stops being an event.

Student: _____

School year: _____

- ☐ **A dated log of educational activities**
What you covered and which subject it served, written as you go. Reconstructing a year of this in the week before a review is the single most common portfolio scramble.
- ☐ **A reading list, by title**
Every book and material named. This is the piece families most often rebuild from memory, and the piece a reviewer can check fastest.
- ☐ **Samples of your student's work**
Writings, worksheets, workbooks, and creative work. A few pieces per subject spread across the year reads as evidence; a stack from one good week does not.
- ☐ **The assessment or evaluation record**
District of Columbia satisfies its assessment through the portfolio review itself. Keep the result filed with the portfolio rather than loose, since the two get asked for together.
- ☐ **A copy of anything you filed**
Your notice of intent and any correspondence with the district, dated. If a question ever comes up, dated proof that you filed on time closes it.

What District of Columbia requires

Under 5-A DCMR 5205, families keep a portfolio of the student's educational materials showing regular activity across the required subjects for at least one year. OSSE doesn't collect the portfolio — it reviews it on request, no more than twice per school year, with at least 30 days' written notice (5-A DCMR 5206.1).

Building this by hand every spring? Homeschool Fox keeps your samples, reading list, and hours together as you go. Start free at homeschoolfox.com.