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.
- [ ] **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 5205.1, families keep a portfolio of the student's current work showing thorough, regular activity in a range of subjects. 5205.2 says it "should be maintained for at least one year." OSSE doesn't collect it. It may ask in writing to review the portfolio, no more than twice in a school year, at a time and place you both agree on (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.