Montana 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.
- [ ] **Your hours record**
  Montana sets an hours requirement, and the portfolio is where the evidence that you met it usually gets shown.
- [ ] **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 Montana requires

Montana requires no portfolio of work, but MCA 20-5-109(2)(b) does require a home school to "maintain records on pupil attendance and make the records available to the county superintendent on request", so the attendance log is a duty rather than a suggestion. HB 778 (2025) removed the immunization records a home school used to keep.

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