



# Milford Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

The State of New Hampshire requires each 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade student to create a student ePortfolio which represents their work throughout their schooling and demonstrates that they have learned and are able to successfully integrate the ICT (Information, Communication, Technology) Standards into their learning. The Grade 8 ePortfolio must be completed by the end of the school year. Last year was the third year that we implemented the ePortfolio requirement here at Milford Middle School and 96% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders completed their ePortfolios.

Our grade 8 teachers have begun discussions with this year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help them prepare and plan for their ePortfolios. Students are given time to work on their ePortfolios throughout the school year. They will save and reflect on projects and assignments that they are proud of and those they feel represent their "best" work that demonstrates technology integration. Teachers throughout the middle school in all grade levels and subject areas have been reminding the students that the reflection requirement must be a reflection on how well they used one of the ICT Standard in their project / assignment.

Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student must complete his or her ePortfolio successfully in order to take required higher level computer courses at the high school. Students can either "complete" or "do not complete" their ePortfolio requirement. This is not a pass / fail requirement and failing to complete the ePortfolio will not jeopardize a student's ability to attend the high school. A student who does not complete his or her ePortfolio by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade may not be able to participate in some of the end of year 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities until the ePortfolio is completed. Students who do not complete their ePortfolios will also need to take either a summer school course or a credit recovery course at the high school to satisfy this requirement.

To help your child to complete his or her ePortfolio, we ask that you encourage and remind him or her to save and add work that he or she is proud of to the ePortfolio, including papers, projects, and other work. Please remind them to reflect upon the use of technology in the project / assignment as it is outlined in the ICT grading rubric which they have a copy of and which may be found on our school's website. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding ePortfolios and this requirement.

Sincerely,

Tony DeMarco  
Principal