

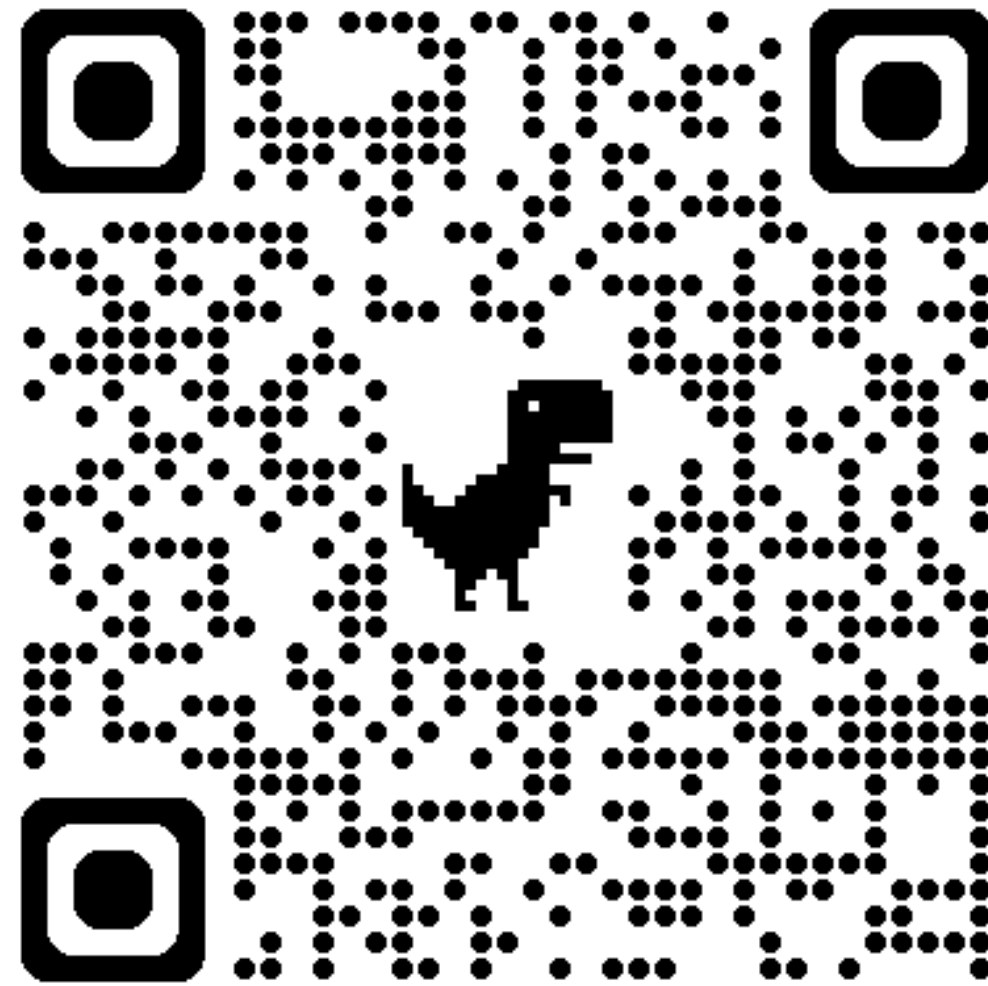
WHY EPORTFOLIOS?

MAKING LEARNING VISIBLE

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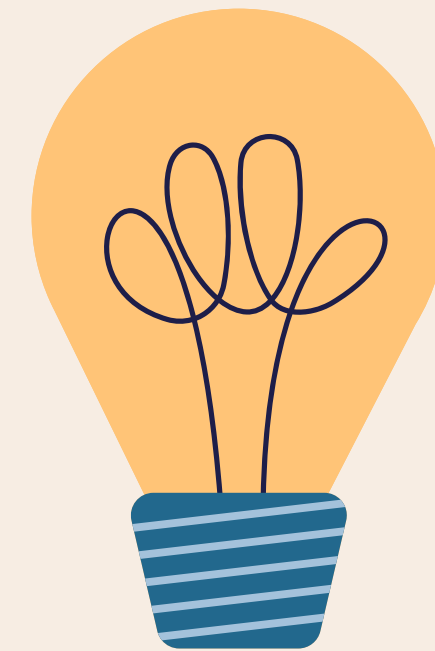
BELL RINGER





WHAT IS AN EPORTFOLIO?

With your content team, discuss what an ePortfolio is and what its benefits are for students and teachers?





WHAT IS AN EPORTFOLIO?

- A digital collection of your academic work and experiences
- More than just a folder of assignments
- A tool to showcase your learning journey
- Completely controlled by, the student



CURRENT CHALLENGES

Common obstacles teachers tackle daily in their classrooms

LOW ENGAGEMENT

students often show signs of disengagement during whole group lessons or independent practice

DIVERSE CLASSES

class make-ups range from all levels of academic achievement

CONSTANT CHANGE

students at different levels coming from different teachers and no continuity from year to year



MAKING LEARNING VISIBLE

making improvements leading to greater academic achievement



INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

immediate feedback, increased motivation, interactive learning

SHOWCASING LEARNING

place to display content, experiences, and track progress for college and job search.

4 C's of Education

increase critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity for future-ready learners



ePortfolios in Education

Education built around digital portfolios not only ties together various student-generated artifacts into a coherent whole but also creates an environment in which technology use has a clearly identified purpose (Donaldson, 2012)



Your Digital Story

- Collect artifacts like essays, projects, and artwork
- Document your academic and personal growth
- Create a unique narrative of your learning
- Reflect on how you've developed skills over time

Benefits

- Demonstrates your skills to future employers
- Helps you understand your own learning process
- Tracks your progress across different courses
- Shows learning beyond just grades



Challenges and Opportunities

- Requires time and effort
- Develops critical thinking skills
- Helps you understand your learning style
- Prepares you for future professional environments

Your Learning, Your Story

- ePortfolios are about YOUR unique journey
- Celebrate your achievements
- Reflect on your growth
- Take ownership of your learning





GETTING STARTED: FIRST STEPS

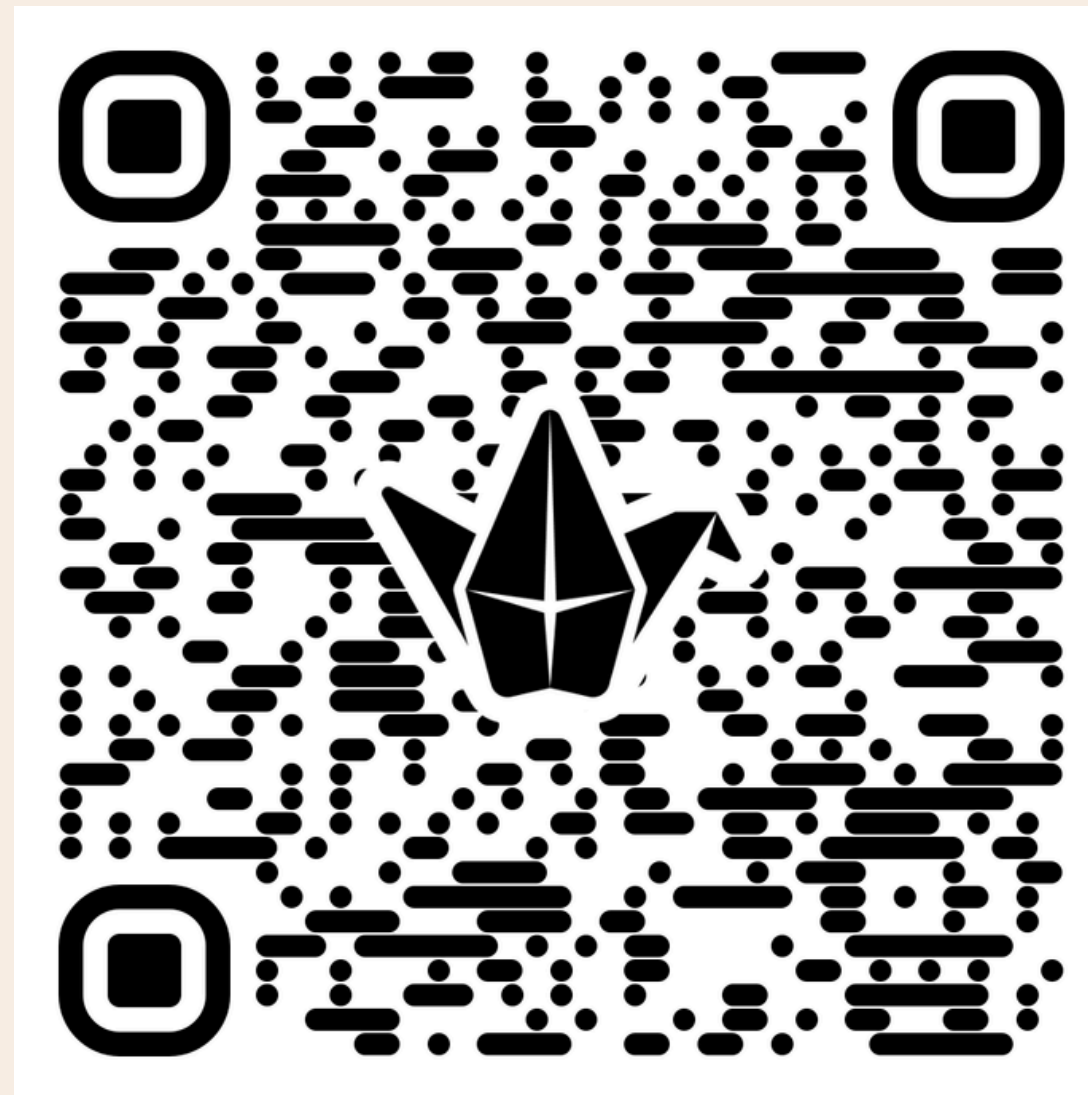
GETTING STARTED

- Use either Google Sites or Wix, depending on the grade level you teach
- Choose a template
- Choose basic website design: Homepage
- Start creating an "About Me" page
- Start small and build gradually



SHARE OUT

Access the padlet to share out some of the ways an ePortfolio can benefit students or teachers.





COURSE TIMELINE

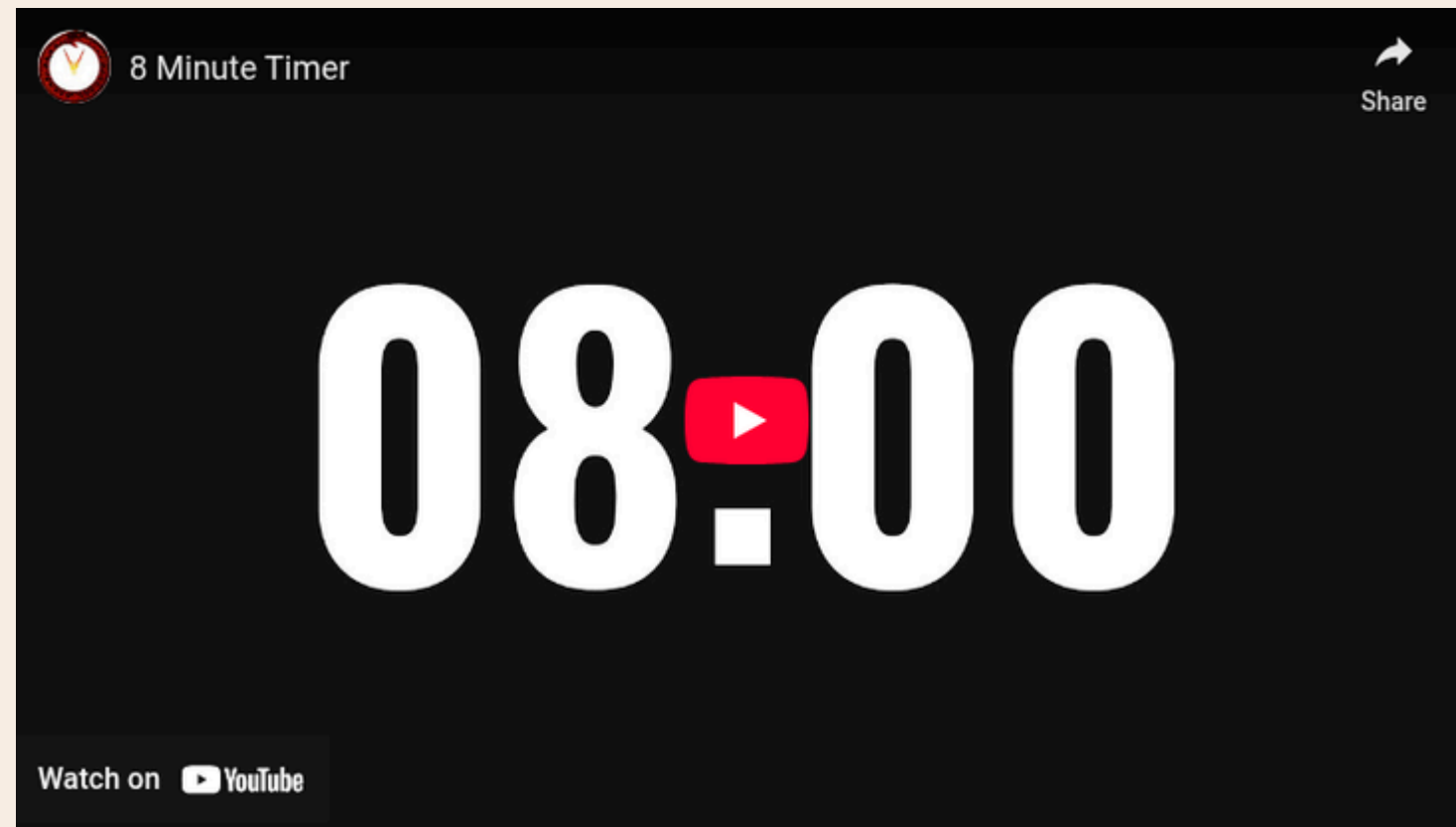
Course includes live sessions,
independent study, content area
discussions, PLC support meetings,
and coaching sessions

1ST WEEK - OVERVIEW

- Introduction to ePortfolios: Why & What
 - Case Study & Examples
 - Exploration & Benefits of ePortfolios
 - Teacher ePortfolio: Intro
 - Initial Implement Ideas
 - Platform Practice w/ support
 - Content area implementation planning
 - Feedforward and sharing
 - Adjusting instructional strategies
 - Review of support calendar
 - Progress and feedback
 - Recognitions and accomplishments
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- ongoing bootcamps during in-service and weekly PLC opportunities for coaching, PLC mentoring, shared problem-solving
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GALLERY WALK

Reflect on the take-aways from other groups in your grade level.



REFLECTION

What successes have you experienced today?

What challenges are you facing?

Describe something you have learned about ePortfolios in this training today.



Thank You
Any Questions

