

**San Marino High School
Student Portfolio
An Introduction**

Students, staff, and community members worked together to develop a list of learning objectives for which all students should demonstrate proficiency. These objectives are formally known as Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs). Acquiring proficiency in these ESLRs will give greater assurance that students are prepared not only for success in higher education but also in their future careers. To earn accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), schools must establish ESLRs and measure student proficiency in achieving them. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in:

- Civic Responsibility
- Critical Thinking
- Post Secondary Preparation
- Technology

As a way to provide focus for assessing a student's individual performance, each student will be required to compile a portfolio that demonstrates the student's level of proficiency in the ESLRs. In addition to the portfolio, other measures of student performance will be analyzed. These will include items such as CAT 6 scores, results of state standards assessments, SAT scores, and college acceptance rates.

To participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must complete the portfolio for each social studies class he attends at SMHS. Social studies teachers will provide the opportunities necessary for students to complete the portfolio, guide students through the compilation of the portfolio, and assess student proficiency in the ESLRs. **Additionally, a student must complete the portfolio for each class in order to earn a passing grade for that class.**

The portfolio is important for three primary reasons: 1) It allows the student and parent to analyze progress in an organized, systematic fashion. Ideally, the portfolio will demonstrate growth in each of the ESLRs as the student progresses through high school. 2) It allows the school to assess the strength of the overall program by looking at each student's work and comparing it to the school's expected standards of proficiency. This allows the school to adjust the program, if necessary, to provide for greater student success. 3) Counselors, teachers, and others who need to assess student abilities for letters of recommendation or other purposes will be able to obtain a comprehensive display of your abilities, allowing them to more accurately evaluate your strengths.

The portfolio provides the opportunity for you to display your abilities through work done both in class and outside of school. It is an important part of your high school experience, but it is also designed to be fun by allowing you to compile your best work. You will choose the work that goes into your portfolio. You will see the improvement in your abilities over time. You will be able to have pride in that growth, and you will gain confidence by knowing that in demonstrating proficiency in the ESLRs, you will have greater assurance you are prepared for the challenges you will face when you leave SMHS.

Sincerely,

Loren Kleinrock
Principal