TEACHING PORTFOLIOS
KEY PIECES

CONTENT
Determine your content and story first. What is the best method to convey your content and story?

LAYOUT
Layout it all out using pen and paper, it’s easier to make changes here than in a software.

DESIGN
You know your story, what colors help convey that story, which font? Do you want to appeal to special populations?
Templates can be your best friend
- They take all the guess work out of making it “look nice”
- Just input your own content
- Most major platforms have a ton of templates to choose from
**VIDEO AND IMAGES**
Video can add a more personal touch, showcase more of your personality.

**INFOGRAPHIC**
Can be beautiful and engaging and for teachers can be effective in showcasing those extra skills in terms of education and content creation for kids.

**BULLET POINTS**
Maybe you don’t need to put an entire 15-page paper, but summarize it just in bullet points.
BEFORE YOU START ACTUALLY BUILDING IT...

Lay it out on paper!
It doesn’t ALL have to be right there, use hyperlinks

NAVIGATION
What makes the most sense from a progression stand point? For storytelling? Are you using terms your audience will understand?

PLATFORM CHOICE
If you have selected a platform, can you do what you want to do? Do you need to pick a different platform?
**HYPERLINKS**
These are great for providing access to information but not inundating your audience with a ton of content. Summarize your project into a couple of lines, give the key points and link to the document as PDF.

**COLOR**
Use a color scheme to convey how you want to be seen. Use psychology of color to determine the best ones. Choose complementary colors and apply them consistently.

**ICONS AND IMAGES**
Digital is visual, use images and icons to communicate when possible. Instead of typing out Facebook and linking to your Facebook, use the icon. Search box? Use a magnifying glass.

**MINIMAL**
White space is in. Keep your content to a minimum (see hyperlinks), to maximize whitespace. Don’t overdue it with too much “stuff”.

**FONTS**
Pick a font scheme. Pick a font for headers and one for body text and stick to it. Use clean and easy to read fonts. Changing is sloppy.

**PLATFORM COMPATIBILITY**
If using a theme, or creating your own, consider how it looks on a laptop versus a mobile device. Also, test it out on various browsers. You never know what they are using (IE!!!)
EPORTFOLIO IS DONE!

FALSE. AN EPORTFOLIO IS NEVER DONE
QUESTIONS?