

**P.A. 231 of 2018, effective December 24, 2018**

**Beginning in the 2018/19 school year, the law states that students must have an opportunity to develop a talent portfolio as part of the 7th grade EDP process.**

- ★ The law states that a talent portfolio shall include at least “a record of the experiences, proficiencies, certifications, digital badges, and accomplishments that demonstrate talents or marketable skills.”
- ★ In grades 8-12, students must review/revise the talent portfolio “as appropriate.” It is not expected that a 7th graders talent portfolio will be elaborately detailed and complete.
- ★ There is also no model provided by MDE requiring what a talent portfolio should look like. It can be a physical portfolio or an electronic one. It may also be worth noting that both Career Cruising and Naviance provide ways in which to include a talent portfolio.
- ★ The talent portfolio may also include: completed coursework, technical knowledge and skills, athletic, club, and recreational activities, student leadership, artistic or creative work, volunteer activities, leisure pursuits, personal or group projects, other forms of recognition (awards) earned, examples of collaboration and/or networking with community or business partners, resume, letters of reference, military service/ROTC, photos of accomplishments, career-focused camps attended (STEM, Health, IT, etc.), thank you letters, newspaper articles, research papers, presentations, and audio/video files.
- Additionally, effect in the 2019/20 school year, 12th grade students are required to know how to **develop and use** a resume and talent portfolio (for example, when applying for a job and/or at an interview). This law also requires 12th graders to know how to request a letter of reference and a school record, as well.