

Ontario's VLE: The Portfolio Tool

The Portfolio tool designed for pedagogical documentation

Documenting evidence of learning is a necessary and important task for Ontario's teachers and students. Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) includes a Portfolio tool that was designed for students of all ages—making it easy for them to track and share their progress, reflections, and learning experiences. This robust tool grows with students, allowing educators, students, and parents to track progress year over year. The Portfolio tool also allows educators to capture evidence of learning and to record private anecdotal notes. The ability to align portfolio artifacts with Ontario curriculum expectations allows educators to be fair and transparent about how learning activities fit into their curriculum and align with Growing Success.

The tool can be accessed from any device:

- **Browser:** To manage the evidence your learners collect, use the Portfolio tool within the Virtual Learning Environment, which is available via a browser from laptops, tablets, or mobile devices.
- **Fun app for tablets or shared devices:** The Portfolio app includes a version for non-readers, and guides students through the process of signing in, capturing learning experiences, and posting them for the teacher to see. The Portfolio app is available for download from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Students can upload pictures and audio reflections to the VLE right from the app to demonstrate evidence of learning.

Teachers can easily review, approve, and provide feedback on portfolio items, and share them with parents through the [Brightspace for Parents tool](#) in one click.

Teachers can easily align and assess artifacts against curriculum expectations, providing ongoing evidence of learning for report cards.

The Portfolio tool is a great starting point for educators who want to use technology to support learning in their classrooms. Ontario's VLE is a dynamic learning platform powered by D2L's Brightspace. The VLE is provided by the Ministry of Education at no cost to Ontario publicly funded school boards. The VLE also includes assignments, rubrics, lessons linked to curriculum expectations, quizzes, and much more! To get the VLE for your classroom or school, [visit our website](#) to find your login page and the Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) contact at your board.

