

# Starting a New School Year



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# STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

## ▶ Updates

- ▶ Portfolio
- ▶ Medical / school nurse
- ▶ Summer programs: therapy summaries, camp notes
- ▶ Social / Recreational programs – continuation of programs?
- ▶ Contact information

## ▶ “Back to School” Supplies for Parents

- ▶ Documentation book
- ▶ Portfolio / Life Book
- ▶ Student Samples folder

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## ▶ **Special Education Updates**

- ▶ how to get, connect with other resources / parents

## ▶ **Meet with New Team**

- ▶ Review Portfolio / Updates
- ▶ Review IEP – go through logistics of day: schedule, accommodations, instruction, specials, lunch, etc. . .
- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ Communication plan
- ▶ Resolve issues from end of previous school year
- ▶ Priorities? Timelines?

# STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

## ▶ Preparing Your Child

- ▶ Transitions
- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ Before / After School
- ▶ Other?



# Building Your Child's Portfolio



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# Portfolio

2 purposes:

1. Keep documents organized
2. Portray your child's journey

Binder? Accordion Folder? Other?



# Portfolio: Keeping Organized

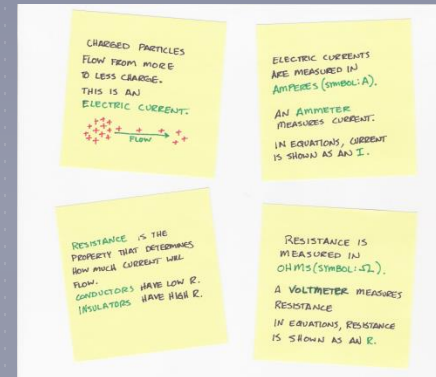
## DOCUMENTS

- \* Progress reports / report cards
- \* IEP / other service plans
- \* Medical records
- \* Formal notices
- Disability Information
- Classroom / School Tests
- Discipline / Behavior documents, including suspensions, intervention plans, progress notes
- \* Evaluations: school / private
- \* IEP Progress Notes
- \* Standardized test results
- \* Invoices
- \* Agency Resources



# Portfolio: Keeping Organized

## NOTES



- \* Correspondence (email, notes, letter) from school team professionals
- \* Notes from conversations / meetings
- \* Discipline / Behavior notes from teacher / agenda book
- \* Child's work samples



# Portfolio: Life Book

- ▶ A collection of pictures, writing, and work samples that create a view of all aspects of the child's life, including family, school, religious, community, medical
- ▶ Builds the child's journey rather than start over each year
- ▶ Valuable information for knowing the child – beyond the disability
- ▶ Guide to values and activities of the family

# Portfolio: Life Book

## **CONSIDER:**

- ▶ **STRENGTHS**
- ▶ **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
- ▶ **HOBBIES / INTERESTS**
- ▶ **EXTRA-CURRICULARS**
- ▶ **FAMILY**
- ▶ **ACADEMICS**
- ▶ **SPECIAL EDUCATION**



# Portfolio: Life Book

## ***POSSIBLE SECTIONS:***

FAMILY

WORK / SCHOOL

PLAY / LEISURE

FRIENDS

RESOURCES

PARENT INPUT

STUDENT THOUGHTS

SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT ME

THINGS I AM LEARNING

TEACHER / OTHER PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

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