

# **Coventry Board of Education**

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Coventry High School will be holding its Fourth Annual E-Portfolio Open House on Wednesday, March 21, in the school Library Media Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Students will showcase their Electronic Portfolios on laptops and computers and are evaluated by staff in a “Science-Fair” atmosphere. The public is cordially invited to attend and view the many E-Portfolios.

The E-Portfolio is more than a graduation requirement. This initiative developed by a group of teachers at Coventry High School challenges students to display a mastery of 21st Century Learning Skills by showcasing their work in a multi-media format. By far the most popular avenue students have chosen is to create a website.

At the heart of the project is the awareness that today, teachers are called upon to prepare students for an information-based workplace and to compete in an environment infused with technology that was not available when those teachers were trained as educators. Many students have shown enthusiasm about showing their E-Portfolios to college admissions counselors and potential employers. Essential to the E-Portfolio experience is that students are called on to reflect upon how their work embodies the social and civic expectations that make up Coventry High School’s Mission Statement. Information about the E-Portfolio can be found at <http://www.coventrypublicschools.org/chs/eportfolio/E-PORTFOLIO.html>.

For further information or if you have any questions, please call William Scheideman, staff coordinator for the e-portfolios, at Coventry High School at 860-742-7346, Ext. 562.