



Pike County Schools

Authentic Performances

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Definition/Purpose

Demonstration of mastery of a real-life task through a performance that replicates the challenges and standards of the real world and displays competencies in a context that individuals could face on a daily basis. From assessmentnetwork.net

Performance task: A performance task is any learning activity or assessment that asks students to perform to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and proficiency. Performance tasks yield a tangible product and/or performance that serve as evidence of learning. Unlike a selected-response item (e.g., multiple-choice or matching) that asks students to select from given alternatives, a performance task presents a situation that calls for learners to apply their learning in context.. Such tasks can (and should) be used in every subject area and at all grade levels. -[Jay McTighe](#)

Capstone: A Capstone project is a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students, typically during their final year of high school or middle school, or at the end of an academic program or learning-pathway experience. Capstone projects are generally designed to encourage students to think critically, solve challenging problems, and develop skills such as oral communication, public speaking, research skills, media literacy, teamwork, planning, self-sufficiency, or goal setting—i.e., skills that will help prepare them for college, modern careers, and adult life. In most cases, the projects are also interdisciplinary. -Ed Glossary

Badging: Digital badging recognizes learning and growth wherever it happens and helps people connect their accomplishments across institution types. In bringing together students' accomplishments ("stars") in various learning spaces, we can better see their full range of potential ("constellations"). From ISTE

Expo: In education, the term exhibition refers to projects, presentations, or products through which students "exhibit" what they have learned, usually as a way of demonstrating whether and to what degree they have achieved expected learning standards or learning objectives. An exhibition is typically both a learning experience in itself and a means of evaluating academic progress and achievement.

Resources and Tools

[Pike County-Capstone Statements & Design Elements](#)

[Critical Components of an Expo](#)

[ASCD Article "The Power of Digital Badges"](#)

Four [Free Web Tools](#) for Student Portfolios

[How Can Educators Design Authentic Performance Tasks?](#)

Examples

[Sample High School Capstone](#)

[High Tech High Student Expos](#)

"Through Her Eyes" [Video](#) Project

Digital Badge [Examples](#)

