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Coventry High School is getting an edge on the coming state-wide High School Reform Plan, as well as the updated accreditation guidelines outlined by the NEAS&C. High schools are anticipating heightened graduation requirements, the responsibility of empowering students with 21st century skills, and the institution of a Senior Project or Portfolio to graduate.

Coventry High School will be holding its third annual E-Portfolio Open House on March 23 in the school Library Media Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8 :00 p.m. Students showcase their Electronic Portfolios on laptops and computers and are evaluated by staff in a “Science-Fair” atmosphere. 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 skills by showcasing their work in a multimedia 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. Staff used school-wide assemblies with the theme “Generation Next” and “Shift Happens” to drum up energy among students for the E-Portfolio project with the hope that students would find the project meaningful and in synch with their learning styles. Many students have shown enthusiasm about showing their E-Portfolios to college admissions counselors and potential employers.

At the E-Portfolio Open House on March 23, teachers will browse among the students viewing their work, and use a rubric to compare the result with the school’s expectations. Essential to the E-Portfolio, experience is that students are called upon to reflect upon how their work embodies the social and civic expectations that make up the Coventry High School mission.

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 Coventry High School at 860-742-7346.