

# Documenting Learning Outside of School

A Resource for Families and Caregivers

## Documenting Your Learning = Credentialing

Another way to say “documenting your learning” is **credentialing**, which means turning real experiences into proof of learning and growth and showing how students build important skills beyond the classroom.

### Why document learning outside of school?

Students learn important skills through work, service, activities, and responsibilities outside of school. Documenting these experiences helps students show what they know and can do, not just where learning happened.

### What does credentialing mean?

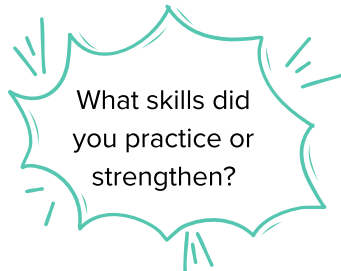
Credentialing means turning meaningful experiences into documented evidence of learning. This evidence can show how students develop skills connected to the Portrait of a Nevada Learner.



### What role do families play?

Start by suggesting or connecting your student to experiences that build skills, such as sports teams, church activities, volunteering, part-time jobs, or community projects. Make sure they do the work themselves. After an experience, help them notice and talk about what they learned. Remind them to capture evidence with notes, photos, or examples.

### Open-ended questions to ask your learner:



### Quick Tips

- Encourage your student to keep notes, photos, or examples of their work.
- Help them reflect on how their experience connects to specific competencies from the Portrait of a Nevada Learner
- Remind them that quality and effort matter more than just participation