TEACHER INTERVIEW

One of the key elements of Section One of The Portfolio is an interview you must conduct with a former teacher (preferably in grades K-8). This interview is an opportunity to re-connect with one of the many people who have contributed to your education, while also gaining some perspective on yourself as a student.

Step One: Schedule Interview
Once you have decided which of your former teachers you would like to interview, you need to schedule a time for the interview; do not simply drop in after school one day. The interview can occur any time between now and the completion of your portfolio; some teachers will be giving interviews to more than one student, so plan ahead and be respectful of their time.

Step Two: Conduct Interview
In some cases, the teacher you interview won't have seen you for many years, so a good way to begin the interview would be to provide an update on yourself (your post-FHS plans, etc.), and then to share some of your recollections of that particular year (classmates, memorable units of study, etc.).

From there, your primary goal is to ask questions that will facilitate your answering of the reflection questions on this interview (see opposite side). Ultimately, the exact questions are up to you, but here are a few suggestions:

1. What are the first recollections of me that come to mind?

2. What are your recollections of me as a student?

3. What were my strengths? What were my areas in need of improvement?

Again, out of respect for teachers' time, your interview should probably be about 15-20 minutes in length.

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Step Three: Reflect on Interview
Once you have completed the interview, please respond to the following questions, then include this form in your portfolio:

1. Why did you select this teacher for your interview?

2. What are your recollections of the time you spent as this teacher's student?

3. How, if at all, do you think you have changed as a student since you were in this teacher's class?

Step Four: Say "Thank You"
Whether in a formal note or simply an email, it would be appropriate to say "thanks" to the teacher you selected for this interview. For many of the teachers in the elementary and middle schools, your visit is a rare and special treat to see the "finished" product of the hard work that they invested in you a few years ago. A note of thanks to them as you prepare to leave Falmouth Schools would be appreciated a great deal.