e-Portfolio Reflection 1

OLTD 509 – Emergent Environments & Technologies

OLTD Learning Outcome:

• Examine current research around best practices and emerging practice.

Evidence Chosen to Support Outcome:

This is a blog entry reflecting about Authentic Learning.

Reflection to Support Evidence:

Reviewing materials about Authentic Learning was a very meaningful exercise for me as a professional. I am sure most teachers wish to provide his or her students with authentic learning experiences that will contribute to their understanding of the world in a meaningful way but it is not as easy as it sounds, particularly at the secondary level when grades and standardized testing play a big role.

Learning about the research about Authentic Learning, particularly the work of Dr. Jan Herrington, gave me a new perspective and a process to follow in order to design learning experiences that will engage my students in a meaningful way.