



JOURNALISM I SYLLABUS 2015-16

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

Notebook and pen OR
approved digital device for
note-taking

"Computer Only" status
(minimum) or "Full Access"
(maximum) status on
Digital Citizenship Parent
Consent Checklist

Students will develop expertise to:

- Plan, draft and complete written compositions on a regular basis, carefully examining your papers for clarity, engaging language and correct English mechanics.
- Utilize visual and electronic media as tools for learning as you create, clarify, critique and produce effective communications.
- Understand media law, ethics and responsibility.
- Understand the different forms of media and different types of journalistic writing.
- Understand what is and is not "news" and how to create communications for various target audiences.
- Write, rewrite and edit copy utilizing proper editing processes and symbols and following

the style set by the Associated Press.

- Understand how communications are used to inform, persuade and entertain.

Participation: Active participation is mandatory to success in this class, and students are expected to be attentive and engaged. Active participation is measured by attendance, punctuality, preparation, contributions and cooperation, and *turning in projects by deadline is paramount*. Students will write a lot in this class so be prepared!

Many opportunities will be presented during class to study print journalism, brainstorm and research story ideas, edit photos and produce projects. However, *time outside of class will be expected to be successful*.

Classroom Rules:

- Be on time to class and be ready to start with the proper supplies
- Use proper punctuation, grammar and spelling :)
- Learn and use AP style
- Meet or exceed all deadlines
- Be courteous to the instructor and fellow students
- Opposing points of view are welcomed in this class, and class discussions are welcome
- No eating or drinking in class. The computers don't like it.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students are required to submit their own work. Any student caught plagiarizing photos, quotations, headlines or captions from outside sources or will receive a grade of 0 for that assignment.

Extra Credit: Journalism I students will have an opportunity each week to earn a ticket redeemable for five extra points on a daily grade with the *Scoop Score* quizzes. Occasionally *Scoop Score* tickets will be redeemable for extra points on major grades as well. *Scoop Score* tickets may not be redeemed if a student has any missing assignments.

Technology Usage: Students are expected to be responsible for school-owned equipment that may be used in this class including digital cameras, lenses, batteries, scanners, camera bags, video cameras, microphones, tripods, lighting, computers (desk top and laptop), and software. Digital cameras are valued at more than \$1,000; lenses are valued at \$450-\$1,000; video cameras are valued at \$2,200; laptops are valued at \$1,400-\$2,700. Camera and computer repairs start at \$300, minimum. Insurance is not provided to cover any of these costs; students are completely financially responsible for journalism equipment. *Students will be required to pay the full replacement cost for lost, stolen or damaged equipment while it is in their care.*

The signature portion below must be detached and returned to Ms. Lewis by Friday , Sept. 4, 2015.

Student/Parent Agreement

I have read and understand the guidelines and expectations for Journalism I. I understand that plagiarism will result in a 0 for the assignment and that I am financially responsible for all equipment while it is in my care.

Student name (print)

Class period

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date