JOURNALISM

Insert Teacher Name   Insert Room Number

Insert Full Year/Semester   Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Journalism is a semester English elective. This course enables the student to learn the important skills necessary to be a news reporter and journalistic writer. Students learn how to write a story in the newsroom. They also will "go out" on the beat and develop and pursue their own ideas for news, features, sports, editorials, and entertainment articles, as well as other specialty stories. Students see how concepts and principles work in real situations and explore the problems, philosophical questions, and issues that journalists face on the job. Students will consult professional guidelines to write clear and direct articles within the appropriate ethical boundaries. They will read and evaluate various examples of the news media and become familiar with the experiences of professional journalists. In class, students will learn the fundamentals of lead writing, news story development, news story organization, interviewing, gathering information, attributing sources, rewriting, editing, writing within a deadline as well as analyzing and evaluating.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Insert Text Here

UNITS OF STUDY

Ethics, Law, and the Role of a Journalist
Hard and Soft News, the Elements of News, and Newsworthiness
AP Style, Writing Leads, Organization of a News Article
Writing Basic News Stories
Getting and Writing Interviews
Writing Editorials
Writing Feature Stories
Writing Sports Stories
Writing Reviews
Final Project

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Summative Assessments:
Insert % Here (Minimum of 70%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Papers – 30%)

Formative Assessments:
Insert % Here (Maximum of 30%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Quizzes – 50%)

Behavioral Characteristics:
Insert % Here (Maximum of 10%)
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Particip. - 90%)

Insert Additional Grading Information Here

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Insert Course Expectations Here

EXTRA HELP

Insert Course Expectations Here

Insert Additional Information Here