



Central Davis Jr. High

Journalism Staff Application

Name _____ Grade _____ Current GPA _____

Current English Teacher _____ Email _____

All applicants must attach a copy of their transcript AND an attendance report for the current term to be apart of the program before your application will be accepted. Both can be printed from your MyDSD or ask your counselor. Also, you must have two teachers signatures that can recommend you to this program.

ALL APPLICANTS ATTENTION: Please carefully read each statement below before marking your responses. If selected, this application and contract bind you to comply with your answers and the class rules and requirements.

- YES _____ NO _____ 1. I will make Journalism Staff my TOP priority in the 2015-2016 school year.
- YES _____ NO _____ 2. I am willing to work and stay after school finishing deadline work on time.
- YES _____ NO _____ 3. I understand that the Journalism class is a writing intensive class and I am willing to put in the time.
- YES _____ NO _____ 4. I am comfortable working in an organization where other students may be supervising me and critiquing my work.
- YES _____ NO _____ 5. I understand that many of the decisions and work done in Journalism are confidential, especially concerning the video yearbook.
- YES _____ NO _____ 6. I understand that I will receive a letter grade and citizenship grade in this class and my actions, as well as the work I do, and especially my promptness in meeting deadlines will strongly affect both my academic and citizenship grades. I know that failure to meet any of the guidelines in this contract can result in a lower grade and/or expulsion from the staff at any time during the year.
- YES _____ NO _____ 7. I realize that I am required to learn Final Cut Pro, iMovie, and even Photoshop and am willing to take the time to learn these programs.
- YES _____ NO _____ 8. I am organized and able to carefully track and file each photograph that I take.
- YES _____ NO _____ 9. I realize that this class allows me to be out of the classroom working on assignments and not always with supervision. I understand that I am an extension of the teacher when I am on assignment and will act responsibly and accordingly. Any actions against those responsibilities can affect both my grade, citizenship, and eligibility to be on the Yearbook Staff.
- YES _____ NO _____ 10. I have a 3.0 GPA or higher and no N's or U's and will maintain this grade and citizenship record during my time on staff.

This class is a yearlong class. Which elective(s) would you like to drop in order to add Journalism?

List 2 semester electives or 1 yearlong elective:

(Your counselor will choose for you if you do not provide options.)

Answer the following questions to completion with a thorough explanation.

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Journalism Staff?
2. What are three things you would do to improve the school blog or the video yearbook? Be specific. Consider what you have seen and read in the past year.
3. What editing skills do you have in both writing and photography? Journalism includes the online blog, Paw Print, as well as the Cub Cast. Both involve writing and using technology. What skills can you bring to the staff?
4. What filming technology are you familiar with? We will use DSLR's, video cameras, and editing programs. Do you have access to any of this at home?
5. What activities, both extracurricular and personal, including sports, clubs, etc. will you be involved in next year?

How much of a priority will these activities be above Journalism?

6. Attach a sample of your writing in the form of a short article, editorial, or informational piece. Imagine writing something up about a club or team here at CDJH, what would that be like? Complete, typed up, on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application.

CONTRACT

- YES _____ NO _____ 1. I know that any work I do for the Journalism Staff becomes the property of the school and is subject to editing, revision, and changes to maintain guidelines and high writing standards.
- YES _____ NO _____ 2. I have good typing and skills both in speed and accuracy.
- YES _____ NO _____ 3. I am willing to do the research, interviewing, planning, and revising necessary to write high quality copy for each of my assigned topics for staff.
- YES _____ NO _____ 4. I am willing to attend any activity necessary for completing my assignments including athletic events, club meetings, after school activities, service projects, etc., and take my own photos on my own device if necessary.

I understand that if I am selected for Journalism, that my signature of this document is a contract with the Yearbook advisor and Chief Editors to do my part, **without complaint**, to create a complete and high quality product. I understand that failure to do any of the items listed above will count on my academic grade and my citizenship grade as in any other class. I will do everything in my power to meet all deadlines.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

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