

Avon Media Team

Courses Quick Sheet



Student Publications

Newspaper

Course Instructor/Advisor: Bill Caulton (wrcaulton@avon-schools.org)

Room: A213/A206 Publications Lab

Prerequisite: Intro to Journalism (Must maintain an A or B in the course)

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Instructor Approval & Teacher Recommendation Forms, as well as parent signature form, required.

Please see forms at end of document.

Course Description: Newspaper provides practical training in publishing the school newspaper. Newspaper provides the study of and practice in gathering and analyzing information, interviewing, and note-taking for the purpose of: 1) writing; 2) editing; 3) publishing for print; and 4) broadcast media, including student publications. All sections include instruction and practice in effective journalistic writing forms and techniques as well as layout, design, and typography. Representative samples of amateur and professional journalism are studied, and student publications will conform to the appropriate style guide. The concept of responsible journalism is also discussed. A journalism lab and other desktop publishing technologies are used to support the curriculum.. Since the sections are all co-curricular, after-school work and fundraising are required.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER APPLICATION



Name: _____

Grade: _____

The Avon Echo newspaper is a business. In addition to producing a product (the newspaper), we raise money to support our business and make it successful. Therefore, staffers must consider their involvement in the journalism program as if it were a part-time job. If a staffer doesn't do his or her work or is not a productive member of our organization, it affects our product and our budget.

You will be expected to spend time working on the newspaper outside of school. This may include attending school events, taking photos, and/or staying after school to layout pages and edit copy. You will have responsibilities that require you to do work that can't be done during the school day. If you play sports, understand that you will have to work extra hard to balance your practice and game schedule with your academics and with newspaper. Time management will be essential.

Talking to people will be another huge part of your job. That includes students of all grade levels, teachers, parents, coaches, business owners, and anyone else you may need to interview.

Students are encouraged to purchase their own SD memory card to use for the year for photography jobs; however, this is not required. There will be cards available to use in the lab.

Please sign below to indicate you have read and understand the above information.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher Recommendations:

Attached are two recommendation forms. Please provide the forms to two teachers to fill out on your behalf. They will submit these directly to Mr. Caulton's mailbox.

NEWSPAPER STAFF RECOMMENDATION FORM



Thank you for helping me in my never-ending quest for the best newspaper students in the universe. Please be candid — these are for my eyes only. Please return to Bill Caulton's mailbox in the main building.

Candidate: _____ Grade next year: _____

Teacher/Recommender: _____

Course Taught to Student: _____

When you taught this student and how well you know his/her character: _____

Consistently puts effort into work yes no maybe/comment

Is trustworthy yes no maybe/comment

Is a good team player/lab partner yes no maybe/comment

Approaches challenges with a
can-do attitude yes no maybe/comment

Is likely to learn on his/her own yes no maybe/comment

Is good with computers yes no maybe/comment

Is a creative/artistic thinker yes no maybe/comment

Is mature and can handle responsibility yes no maybe/comment

Can handle a challenge yes no maybe/comment

Other comments:

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