

Journalism I: News Writing and Reporting

Mehlville School District
English Language Arts
Grades 10 - 11, Duration 1 Semester, .5 Credits

Rationale

The Journalism I class promotes skills such as reporting, writing and editing necessary for student success in their high school career. Journalism will help develop the student's style of journalistic writing and reporting.

Course Description

The student will learn the writing structure of the straight news story, the feature, the editorial, and the sports article. The student is encouraged to collect facts by interviewing students, teachers, and administrators and to help publish the school newspaper online and/or in print. The student will be actively involved in the production of articles and will study photography, magazines, broadcasting, advertising and social media.

Prerequisites

English I recommended but not required

Open to: 10, 11, 12 (9 with current teacher approval)

Credit .5 Unit - One Semester Practical Art (Students may take this class more than once, repeated course will receive ELA elective credit)

Course Objectives

1. Student will develop and demonstrate effective reporting and interviewing skills. (A+: Research)
2. Student will demonstrate and apply understanding of journalism ethics and laws. (A+ Reading)
3. The student will write various forms of journalistic copy including news, features, sports and opinions with proper headlines and style. (A+ Writing)
4. Student will work collaboratively to produce, publish and promote digital and/or print content for school publications. (A+ Speaking and Listening)
5. The student will demonstrate proper use of camera equipment (video and digital), shoot video and take photos using effective composition.

BOE Approved: 12/14/17