



Honors Yearbook 2026-2027 Staff Application



Dragon Yearbook Application Instructions:

Answer in complete sentences and use your best writing techniques. Please type or use very neat handwriting (and double space). Do not answer on this form.

Please submit your application in person to Mrs. Orth in room C-307 or email it to Stephanie.Orth@lok12.org

It must be received by the deadline, even if you are absent that day. (You can turn it in electronically). If you email it, Mrs Orth will write back to confirm it was received.

Remember, the selection process could be based solely on your application.

- 1) List your name and grade
- 2) List the position you are most interested in - Editor-in-Chief, Photography Manager, Business Team Manager, Copy Editor, Editor, Photographer, Writer, Graphics. Explain why you think you are qualified to meet the demands of that position.
- 3) List the position you are interested in if you do not get your top choice. Explain why you think you are qualified to meet the demands of that position.
- 4) Explain why the selection committee should grant your application. This is your opportunity to discuss why you should be accepted into the HONORS YEARBOOK CLASS. Sell yourself to the committee. Include the information you believe will be most relevant and helpful as applications are screened. Be sure to discuss your unique characteristics and strengths. What do YOU bring to the team? Be sure to incorporate your personal motivation for joining the HONORS YEARBOOK CLASS.
- 5) Describe an idea you have for something you'd like to see in the Dragon Yearbook. It could be a design idea, story idea, photo idea, a new or different way to provide better coverage, how we can get more students featured in the book, how we can sell more yearbooks or more ads - anything you think would improve the book and/or program. Just describe your idea.
- 6) Please tell us about your Yearbook/Journalism experience. Include relevant courses and teachers (from middle and high school). Your answer can just be a list, it doesn't need explanation.
- 7) Tell us what you've been involved in since the start of high school through now, PLUS what do you plan to be involved in for your remaining year(s) at LOHS. This could be sports, clubs, jobs, volunteering, etc. If you have had any leadership roles in these activities, please note them. This answer can just be a list. It's ok if you don't have much to list.
- 8) OPTIONAL - What else would you like to say, if anything? (Last chance to convince our selection committee why you should be invited to join HONORS YEARBOOK).

**Return your responses to Mrs. Orth in room C-307
or mail them to Stephanie.Orth@lok12.org
Friday, February 10, 2026**



Honors Yearbook 2025-2026



Staff Application

The Dragon Yearbook class produces the Dragon Yearbook. The staff has been recognized annually with awards at the state and national level, and the students are expected to exceed expectations while studying the techniques and disciplines of print production. Dragon Yearbook staff members improve personal communication, leadership, time management, writing, and media literacy skills. They actively and consciously write, view, speak and listen. Yearbook production is a team effort, and Dragon staff members have various opportunities to practice the skills needed for successful group dynamics. Yearbook meets the Speaking and Listening and Visual Performing and Applied Art graduation requirements.

Honors Yearbook is part of the Honors courses on the LOHS grading scale.

All LOHS juniors and seniors who have successfully completed one year of Yearbook are welcome to apply to the course.

PRE-REQUISITE

Students must successfully complete one year of Yearbook by the end of the current school year.

COMMITMENT

Yearbook students quickly learn that their classmates, friends, and family do not appreciate the amount of work that is required to produce and print the yearbook. Dragon Yearbook staff don't just commit to attending the class during the allotted time each school day; sometimes they have to do their homework outside of official class time by attending/covering popular events as a student journalist and staying after school to work on deadlines. Honors Yearbook staff should plan to attend a summer journalism workshop to further their skills for the upcoming year. **If you are involved in other activities/teams, you CAN also be on the Dragon Yearbook staff... you just need to work on managing your time.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

There are a limited number of spaces for yearbook in general, and even fewer for the Honors Yearbook class. **This course is open to all students who will be juniors or seniors at LOHS in the 2025-2026 academic year**, provided they have taken Yearbook for a full year already. Admission is determined by a Selection Committee. The committee may include current Dragon Yearbook students and/or LOHS staff. The Committee's decision may be based on some or all of the following criteria: your ability to make a favorable impression through your application, past success in Yearbook, your ability to communicate clearly, faculty input, the needs of the Dragon Yearbook staff, and your ability to EXCEED expectations.

All applicants will receive a letter informing them of the Selection Committee's decision before Spring Break.