**Journalism/Yearbook**

**Tioga High School**

**Course Information: 2022-2023**

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* **Course Description**

Journalism introduces students to the exciting world of print, online and broadcast media. Law, ethics and the history of journalism complement the major units of study: reporting, writing, editing, photography, advertising, design, management and teamwork.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to use state-of-the-art computer-aided

publishing tools to produce this school year’s yearbook. Some out-of-class time will be required.

* **Course Objectives**

Upon completing the Journalism course, students should be able to:

o Read for information and understanding

o Read for critical analysis and evaluation

o Select the appropriate article type for a given purpose

o Make effective use of conventions for the format of that article type

o Write articles appropriate for publication in the school newspaper

o Write articles appropriate for competition in UIL

o Use Josten’s Yearbook software to create yearbook pages

* **Required Supplies**

Notebook paper

Writing utensils: pencil, pen, highlighter

Folder

Chromebook

* **Google Classroom**

We will use Google Classroom in class. The code for this class is jttylgj. We will also be using TEKS Resources for our curriculum. To find out more information about this, please go to https://www.teksresourcesystem.net/module/content/search/tcmpc/

* **Homework Policy**

Homework will be assigned various times throughout the year; it is the student’s responsibility to get these assignments in on time. Some homework assignments may be requirements for yearbook, which is done online. It is important that students meet their yearbook page deadlines.

* **Grading Policy**

Grades will count as follows:

* 60% Summative (yearbook pages, projects)
* 40% Formative (photo opps, Bulldog Browse jobs)

We will have a minimum of 9 grades per nine week grading period.

* + If an assignment is missing at the time of grading, a zero will be inputted into the gradebook until the assignment is turned in. Late assignments will be accepted, however, they will be deducted 30 points. Students and parents can keep up with their missing assignments through Parent Portal.
  + Deadlines are an important part of producing publications. Therefore, journalism students should think of assignment due dates as deadlines. If a student needs an extension of time, he/she must request if from me in advance of the stated deadline. Extensions will be granted at my discretion.

* **Attendance Policy**

It is important to attend class and participate in class discussions and activities. Please make sure you follow the district attendance policy in order to earn credit for the course. You must be in class before the bell rings. If you are late you will be marked as tardy on the attendance. It is the student’s responsibility to get make-up work for any class they miss. Make-up work will be available in a designated area of the classroom for the students to pick up or on Google Classroom or Yearbook Avenue. You are allowed one day for every day you miss, to make up work before it is late.

* **Classroom Rules**

o Be prepared for class with notebook, writing utensil, and any other required materials

o Display respectful behavior (to yourself, to me, and to the students around you)

o Be responsible

o No phone or electronic device

o Participate in class by:

• Contributing to discussion without being rude, judgmental, or talking over someone else

• Working independently when assigned to do so

Acknowledgement Form

I have read the Course Syllabus and understand the policies and expectations for

Mr. Strickland’s class.

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature