

## **Journalism 2, 3 and 4**

### **A.I. DuPont High School**

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This is a production class for *Tiger Pause*, a student produced newspaper. Students must pass Journalism I with a “B” average and get teacher approval in order to be on the Tiger Pause staff.

- I. Objectives – Through this course in journalism, students will:
  - practice management skills
  - sharpen language, grammar, and analytic skills
  - understand the meaning of a student journalist’s rights and responsibilities under the law
  - practice the basics of journalistic writing
  - understand the importance of accuracy in the media
  - exhibit the qualities of a good reporter
  - apply the principles of objectivity, balance, and fairness in journalistic writing
  - use the four basic types of coverage (news, editorial/opinion, feature, and sports)
  - identify and analyze newsworthiness of story ideas
  - incorporate and attribute information from various sources
  - write headlines and captions
  - use quotes (direct, indirect , and partial) effectively and accurately
  - use different types of leads
  - use proofreading and copy-editing skills
  - lay out several issues of the school newspaper
  
- II. Requirements – Students must:
  - sell \$100 worth of ads by the end of the year. At least \$25 worth must be sold each marking period. This money may also be donated if the student does not wish to sell an ad. If this requirement is not met, the student’s grade will be lowered one letter grade.
  - contribute relevant and appropriate story ideas for each issue
  - write articles that follow the rules of journalism
  - assign and edit stories (editors only)
  - turn in all drafts on time. Drafts must be typed and double spaced in times new roman size 12 font. All drafts must include section, word count, draft number, and three headlines.
  - write sidebars for stories when relevant
  - make photo/art requests
  - help in laying out the paper
  - complete assigned duties
  
- III. Grades are determined by points earned divided by possible points. First and second drafts are worth 50 points each. Final drafts are worth 100.

Requirements for drafts are attached.

IV. Any student found to be plagiarizing may be asked to leave the staff.