

Journalism I & II

This course will give students an understanding of the practices of journalism as well as focus on the design of a successful layout for publication. Students will work individually and in groups to write articles and copy, research and report on topics of interest, produce a broadcast and create this year's edition of the FCS yearbook. Units we will work through include: Law & Ethics in Journalism, Development of Information Literacy, Social Media & Journalism, Theme Development and Design, Photography, Publication Production. The Georgia Standards of Excellence which apply to Journalism I and II can be viewed here:

<https://case.georgiastandards.org/cftree/item/256778>

Journalistic Community Decorum:

Be careful with your words, think first and write with intention. Take your time and listen. Respect yourself and your classmates, your educator and the environment/tools.

Expectations:

Time and effort put into your work
Ethical research and writing
Good technical quality for publications
Participation in publication production
Timely completion of assigned projects, tasks and spreads
Respect of peers, advisor and equipment

Publication Specific Expectations:

Scholars are expected to complete assigned spreads on time and with full attention to detail. They are responsible for all aspects of the assigned spread including but not limited to images, copy, interviews, captions, photo editing, layout design, theme application. This means that work must take place outside of class and that scholars may have to cover school events. Senior staff members (Journalism II) will serve as leaders on the publication of our yearbook.

Consequences:

1. Redirect/reteach
2. Verbal warning
3. Parent contact
4. Office referral

Late Work Policy:

All assignments, including In-class, homework and large projects will be due on the assigned date **during** the class period for which it is assigned.

Full credit will be given for work submitted by the assigned date. Scholars may earn partial credit for assignments submitted past the assigned date/class period based on the following:

- Up to 3 days after the due date/class period - 10% deduction for each day past the assigned date
- Work missing beyond 3 days/class periods will not be accepted and will be marked as receiving a zero (0)
 - Example: Due on Monday and turned in on Thursday = no higher than 70%, 10% off Tuesday, 10% off Wednesday, 10% off Thursday
 - Another example: Due on Monday and tried to turn in on Friday = zero - not accepted
- Missing Work Form must be completed and turned in with late work

How Absences Affect Late Work:

Excused Absences

Full credit will be given to scholars with excused absences for work submitted by updated due dates based on our handbook, page 15.

- Extension to due dates equal to number of days absent
- Upon returning to school, complete Missing Work Form to update due dates with advisor

Unexcused Absences

Full credit will be given to scholars with unexcused absences for work submitted by original due dates, or upon their return to school, when original due dates occurred during absences.

Plagiarism:

*Per the FCS Family Handbook page 17

Plagiarism is the act of claiming the work of others (ideas or words) as your own. It is academic dishonesty and, like other forms of cheating, hurts the scholar who engages in it. Also, it diminishes the efforts of scholars who did the hard work of learning and creating to then have their ideas and words stolen. Scholars must always cite their source material. When advisors are concerned that scholars have committed plagiarism, they may submit scholar work to an anti-plagiarism website such as Turnitin.com. At Furlow, scholars must write original papers, letters, articles, poetry, scripts, and any other assigned written communication. Any writing assignments from any class (not just ELA) must be at least 67% original and contain no more than 33% cited material. Any work turned in which contains paraphrased or quoted material must have the proper citations using MLA or APA guidelines. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in no academic credit and additional disciplinary action. The minimum penalty for plagiarism is a zero for the work. Advisors may request resubmission of the assignment with original work. Scholars who willfully disregard the plagiarism policy may be disciplined subject to the discipline schedule. Repeated offenses

over. The scholar's academic career may result in further actions by the administration. All instances of plagiarism will be recorded in Infinite Campus. Cheating will not be tolerated at Furlow, scholars who cheat will be disciplined subject to the discipline schedule.

Digital Expectations:

Our digital classroom is to be treated the same as our in person classroom. Comments and posts should remain respectful, beneficial to learning and written in full sentences of the scholar's own words. Failure to do so will result in removal of comments and the scholar may be muted from further class interaction resulting in alternative assignments. All Distance learning scholars are expected to check in daily M-F by 11:59 PM in order to be marked present. A simple attendance question will be posted as verification. In the event issues arise with work submission or attendance it is expected that the scholar notify the advisor via email before the deadline. All work will be submitted via Google Classroom for in person and distance learners. Publications work will be submitted via GC for grading but will be created primarily on our online yearbook editor.

Grading:

Exercises	Smaller assignments that focus on a single skill	25-50 pts
Articles and Responses	Written articles for varying purposes, responses to issues in journalism or discussion points	50-100 pts
Essays	Longer written responses constructed with research based information	100 pts
Spreads	Spreads in a publication, usually our yearbook, to include every required aspect	200-300 pts
Publication work	Smaller jobs assigned by staff members, usually as part of a larger piece of publication (ex: an interview, a poll, small group of photos)	25-50 pts
Video projects	May include news broadcast or advertising	100-200 pts

