

Yearbook Syllabus and Course Expectations

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Students enrolled in Journalism: Yearbook I, II, III communicate in a variety of forms such as print, digital, or online media for a variety of audiences and purposes. High school students are expected to plan, draft, and complete written and/or visual communications on a regular basis, carefully examining their copy for clarity, engaging language, and the correct use of the conventions and mechanics of written English. In Journalism: Yearbook I, II, III, students are expected to become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communication skills. In addition, students will apply journalistic ethics and standards. Published works of professional journalists, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, clarify, critique, write, and produce effective communications. Students enrolled in Journalism: Yearbook I, II, III will refine and enhance their journalistic skills, research self-selected topics, and plan, organize, and prepare a project(s) in one or more forms of media. (from TEA Course Description/TEKS)

(TEKS:

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch110c.pdf>)

Supplies

School-issued Chromebook

Pen/pencil

Grading Policy

Per IISD Guidelines:

40% Minor Grades: Daily Grades, Warm Ups, Handouts, etc.

60% Major Grades: Publications

Make up work policy: Minimum 2 days for every day of class missed.

Minimum of 2 graded assignments per week.

There is a zero tolerance policy for AI Generated writing/photography that is used to pass for student creations. A grade of 0 will be given with a chance to make up this assignment on the first offense.

Course Responsibilities

- Yearbook: Our primary goal is to plan, create, edit, and publish the Yearbook. To do this students will work individually and in teams to take pictures and tell the story through writing of our school this year
- Digital Board: Students will keep the public updated with school events by updating and maintaining the digital lightboard
- Zine: Students will plan, create, write, edit, and publish a student publication that covers events, people, and stories from our campus and community
- UIL Journalism: Students will practice AP style in preparation for Headline Writing, Feature Writing, News Writing, Editorial Writing, and Copy Editing contests in the Spring.