

Canyon Crest Academy: Journalism

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	0-30 minutes	<u>District</u> none <u>Department</u> none

Course Description

Journalism is an 18-week course, in which the students will learn the fundamentals of what it means to be a journalist, the laws surrounding the 1st Amendment, and the writing styles/techniques that separate journalistic writing from other forms. In addition, they will learn the differences between writing for broadcast versus writing for print, the importance of photography and design, and they will explore the ethics that guide those in the profession. The course emphasis is on giving them a better understanding of the role of journalists in our society and to prepare them for Advanced Journalism.

Performance Objectives: Students will demonstrate mastery in the following areas:

- Analysis of journalistic writing using appropriate vocabulary.
- Identifying bias in electronic and print journalism and understanding the difference between bias and perspective.
- Creating clear, coherent, and purposeful writing.
- Practice writing journalism in numerous formats and contexts (features/news/editorials/reviews).
- Collaborate with other students working toward a common goal (weekly broadcasts and a newsmagazine issue at term's end).
- Use technology for research, construction, and production of their written work.

Necessary Skills: The following skills are important in order to succeed in this class:

- A passionate interest in written expression and knowledge of current events.
- An ability to meet deadlines.
- A willingness and desire to work collaboratively in order to create a final product (weekly broadcasts and one newsmagazine).

Grading

n/a

Syllabus Link

n/a

Supplemental Information

10 credits

Meets high school graduation requirement for Practical Art/CTE or elective