

The Hoofbeat

Sign up for Journalism on the course card; return this application and the mandatory writing sample to Mrs. McNulty in rm 517 by March 1st to be considered for the staff.

Newspaper staff APPLICATION

- **ADVISER:**
Mrs. McNulty
- **ROOM 517**

Name: _____ Grade (next year): _____ Student ID #: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Please list your present schedule including teachers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

List your course selections for next school year.

1. Journalism 1 (list an alternate just in case)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please list the current extracurricular activities (including jobs, outside organizations and clubs, etc...) in which you participated in this year. Circle those which you intend to participate in during next school year.

What is your present grade point average? _____ Have you taken Journalism I? Y or N

Who is your English teacher this semester? _____ What grade did you earn in English first semester? _____

List two teachers who would be able to estimate your qualifications as a newspaper staff member. **Their signature is required.**

1. Name: _____ Signature: _____
2. Name: _____ Signature: _____

If not selected for newspaper, would you consider being on the yearbook staff instead? Y or N

Can you attend the Walsworth Publishing Company journalism workshop with the staff in Orlando during the last week of July? Y or N (Cost is estimated at approximately \$325 per participant includes tuition, most meals & room at Double Tree Orlando) If no, why not? _____

Skills & Expectations: Please provide a brief explanation of your experiences in the following journalism domains. Which areas do you feel most qualified? Which areas would you like to participate in upon acceptance to the staff? Which areas would you like to learn or gain more experience? Feel free to attach an additional sheet if answers extend beyond space.

Writing/Editing:

Interviewing:

Organization:

Fundraising, Ad Sales & Marketing:

Photography/Graphic Design:

MANDATORY WRITING SAMPLE:

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions thoroughly and with detail (min. 250 words).

1. What qualities do you possess that would make you an asset to The Hoofbeat?
2. What role(s) do you believe that a newspaper plays in high school?

*****This is an important part of the application. Answer the questions as completely and thoroughly as possible as it will be used to determine your writing ability.***

Please read this statement carefully and sign below; be certain to have your parent/guardian sign also:

If I am accepted to The Hoofbeat newspaper staff, I will: meet all deadlines in a timely manner, work outside of class or school time to complete story assignments when necessary, sell \$400 in advertising quota (\$100 per semester, or minimum of one ad per issue), maintain a 3.0 GPA, and abide by the proper journalism ethics. Failure to meet these requirements may affect my grade, and I will face possible removal from the staff.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in the newspaper and your cooperation in completing this application.
Susan McNulty, The Hoofbeat newspaper adviser smcnulty@pasco.k12.fl.us