

Mustang Voice

Circle the publication you wish to be a part of:

Literary Magazine

Newspaper

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

Please list your current schedule, including teachers.

Please list your course selections for next year.

1. _____
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Please list any extracurricular activities (jobs, organizations, clubs, sports, etc.) you are involved in this year. Circle those that you plan to participate in next year.

What is your current grade point average? _____ Have you taken Foundations of Journalism? Y or N

What grade did you earn in English first semester? _____ What is your current grade in English? _____

List two teachers who would be able speak to your qualifications as either a literary magazine or newspaper staff member.

1. Name _____ Signature: _____

2. Name _____ Signature: _____

Prerequisite:

You must have taken either Creative Writing 1 & 2, Foundations of Journalism, or Photojournalism as a prerequisite for this course; however, I am aware that those courses are not the only avenues students take to build a foundation in writing. Please check "Yes" if you have taken one of the prerequisites and "No" if you have not. If you have not, please explain why you feel you have the fundamental skills to be on staff with **Mustang Voice**. Yes No

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 **Mustang Voice**?
2. What role(s) do you believe literary magazines and newspapers should plays in high school?

***This is an important part of the application. Answer the questions as completely and thoroughly as possible, as they will be used to determine your writing ability and will be checked for plagiarism and AI.**

Skills & Expectations:

Please provide a brief description and explanation of your experience in the following categories, indicating areas you would like to participate in upon acceptance to the **Mustang Voice** staff. Also, indicate the areas you would like to learn or gain more experience in. The categories below showcase many of the expectations of students enrolled in the course, regardless of the publication to which they will be assigned. **Please score yourself in each area (0-no experience to 5-expert).**

Category		Score	Experience and Background Knowledge
Writing: Interviewing Proofreading/Editing Writing Experience			
Writing Experience:	Nonfiction		
	Fiction		
	Poetry		
	Drama		
Computer Skills: Typing & creating charts, graphs, posters, flyers, etc			
Graphic Design: Desktop publishing & software knowledge (Canva, Microsoft, Adobe, WordPress, etc)			
Organization: Ability towork with a team		
	...work alone		
	...meet deadlines		
	...problem solve		

Please read this statement carefully and sign below; make sure that your parent/guardian has also signed.

If I am accepted into **Mustang Voice**, I will...

- ...meet all deadlines on time.
- ...work outside of class or school time to complete stories, interviews, assignments, etc. when necessary.
- ...sell \$200 in advertising quota (\$100 per semester, minimum of one ad per issue), if necessary.
- ...maintain a 2.5 GPA; and abide by proper journalism ethics.

Failure to meet these requirements may affect my grade and may result in possible removal from the staff and eventual removal from the course altogether.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____