

Orange Unified School District

**JOURNALISM I**

Year Course

**GRADE LEVEL:** 9-12

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT:**

Journalism I is an introductory course designed to acquaint the student with the many aspects of news writing and publication of a modern newspaper. Students will practice and develop skills in different types of news gathering, news writing, fundamentals of photography, and the fundamentals of page design. All aspects of the course will focus on the ethics that are essential to the practice of journalism.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

**BY THE END OF THE COURSE THE STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO:**

Understand the historical development of newspaper and the evolution of the modern newspaper.

Have a working knowledge of the ethics of journalism.

Identify and write all types of leads: news, feature, entertainment, editorial, sports, and in-depth reporting.

Write news stories based on current events appropriately using the conventions of news writing techniques.

Learn and practice basic interview skills.

Have the ability to access and research using credible sources of information from the Internet, books, interviews, etc.

Understand and apply the principals of copy editing, layout design, and photography.

**COURSE OVERVIEW AND APPROXIMATE UNIT TIME ALLOTMENTS:**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>		<b><u>WEEKS</u></b>
I.	Ethics and History	3
II.	Interview	2
III.	Lead Writing	1
IV.	News Gathering	2
V.	News Writing	5
VI.	Sports Writing and Beat Writing	<u>5</u>
Total Weeks 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester:		18

<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
I.	Editorial Writing	2
II.	Feature Writing	2
III.	In-Depth Writing	4
IV.	Principles of Copy Editing	3
V.	Principles of Photography	3
VI.	Layout Design (graphic design software)	<u>4</u>
Total Weeks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester		18

**DATE OF LAST CONTENT REVISION:** December 1982

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