

FDHS Journalism Application

(return to room 109 ASAP)

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade (this year): _____

Email address: _____
(We will contact you at this address to let you know your placement.)

1. By applying and if selected, we will have guidance place you in one of the following programs.

Mark each below based on your order of preference:

1 = most preferred 3 = least preferred X = Not interested

_____ Intro to Journalism _____ Yearbook

_____ Broadcasting _____ Newspaper

2. Why should we select you for the Patriot journalism staff you have chosen above?

3. Describe any experience in journalism? If so, where and what were your tasks? (ex. yearbook, newspaper, broadcasting, creative writing)

4. Discuss the qualities you have that you think will be an asset to you as a member of the yearbook staff.

5. Describe any specialized skills that would be an asset for us?
For example, formal training in videography, photography, Photoshop, InDesign, etc.

FDHS Journalism Courses

What is this class about?

Journalism class is your chance to put your work ethic to the test. Simply put, our job is to publish. We must be there to cover all aspects of Fort Dorchester and beyond.

What will my job be?

As a staff member, you will be responsible for many tasks. You get to cover school and local events, which demand hard work and punctuality but is also very rewarding in the end. Included in the task are the following jobs: photography, videography, writing, interviewing, designing, researching, and we spend a lot of time working on Apple computers creating our publications. To succeed, you must be very determined and focused on your goals and deadlines. Many other simple tasks come with the job. You will also be required to sell ads to local businesses, which helps support our efforts. You will be trained for all the jobs you shall be carrying out during your time in this class.

What do I need to know?

First and foremost, we need people with a strong work ethic. If you are someone who takes his or her responsibilities seriously, you are someone we want. Because these are journalism courses, it helps considerably if you write well. Your skill in writing is important, but even if you are weak here, our editors will help. Experience in creative writing, photography, videography, and certain computer applications (Photoshop, InDesign, iMovie, etc) is a plus, but not required. The application process consists of a written application, a possible interview, and confidential teacher recommendations, as well as a review of your school records.

What jobs on staff are available?

All students of this class have a job title. While most are general staff members, there are also photographers, videographers, editor-in-chief, a media editor, a business editor and a designer, among others. All jobs are very important.

How do you pick who gets to be on staff?

Picking new staff members is the single most important thing we do each year. In order to be fair, we do it mathematically. We gather the following information on each candidate; academic record, discipline record, attendance record, confidential teacher recommendations, the application itself, and we sometimes conduct interviews. Each area is given a value and a certain weight. We then average all the scores and list the candidates in order of their average score. We then choose the top "X" number to become our new staff members.