

COURSE DESCRIPTION & SYLLABUS

Yearbook | FOOTHILL HS

RESPONSIBILITIES of the YEARBOOK class include writing, photography, and layout design. Students will learn proper writing skills in journalism style and apply it to yearbook page layouts.

Photography is a major part of the yearbook class. Composition & Design elements of Photography will be taught, so students are knowledgeable of what makes a great picture. With this knowledge, good and sometimes great photos can be captured with cell phones (believe it or not). Once a student has demonstrated proficiency in the photography curriculum, he/she may be able to step up to utilize some of the school's professional photography equipment.

Writing is also a very important aspect of the yearbook course. Sometime topics are assigned to the entire class, for both practice and for experience, with the best story chosen for publication in the yearbook. Other times, a small group of students, or even a single student, is assigned a story to write, while other students have other assignments. In the end, the workload for all students usually works out to be equal.

Layout work is handled in Adobe InDesign, with photos edited in Adobe Photoshop. All students will have an opportunity to learn the basics of these programs, while some students choose to take on more responsibility and learn more complex features. Student editors learn to work with peers in a position of authority.

Editors are the student leaders in the yearbook class. Students who show interest and demonstrate a great work ethic have the opportunity to server as an editor.



GRADING SCALE

I use a 4-point scale, just like a grade point average (GPA). When I grade student work, grades will be 4, 3, 2, 1, or 0 (zero), which are A, B, C, D, F.

So, 75% is a B, 50% is a C, and a 0 (zero) doesn't destroy a student's grade. ... See below.

GRADE	LOW	%	HIGH
A+	104.17		112.50
A	95.83	100	104.16
A-	87.50		95.82
B+	79.16		87.49
B	70.83	75	79.15
B-	62.49		70.82
C+	54.16		62.49
C	45.82	50	54.15
C-	37.49		45.81
D+	29.15		37.48
D	20.82	25	29.14
D-	12.48		20.81
F		0	

YEARBOOK CURRICULUM

THEME DEVELOPMENT

INTERVIEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY

INDESIGN

PHOTOSHOP

ILLUSTRATOR

WRITING & EDITING

CAMERAS

LEADERSHIP

COOPERATION

CREATIVITY

CAMARADERIE

JOURNALISM SKILLS

BUSINESS

SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTE

PORTFOLIO

TECHNOLOGY

RESUMES

CAPTION WRITING

ZOOM MEETINGS!

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