

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Journalism
Course Number: 10060
Course Prerequisites: Successful completion of Middle Level English/Language Arts Curriculum

Course Description: This course is designed to prepare you to become a student of journalism and media. The work we do here will equip you with the critical skills you must have to succeed in high school media, college media, and beyond. We will read a variety of journalistic material and do a great deal of news writing. We will also look at journalism from legal, ethical, and historic vantage points. Expect to complete numerous writing activities in a variety of styles including editorial, hard news, feature, review, and more. If you participate actively, you will gain tremendous skills that will serve you for the rest of your life. Individual and group project will also be a part of this class. This course is a project based course and does not include traditional tests, unit level understanding is assessed through unit projects.

Major Concepts

- Effective journalism requires creating a story that is readily understandable to a mass audience.
- Journalistic ethics and the laws that govern journalists is a topic of constant debate.
- Responsible journalism involves meticulous researching and verifying of facts and data.
- Editorial writing contains both facts and opinions and is similar to persuasive writing.
- Features contain elements of major news stories, but also contain descriptive details.

Suggested Grade Level: Grades 9-12

Length of Course: One Semester

Units of Credit: .5

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:

CSPG 42

To find the CSPG information, go to <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/default.aspx>

Certification verified by the WCSD Human Resources Department: ☒ Yes ☐ No

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

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Course Level: Academic

Mark Types: Check all that apply.

☒ F – Final Average ☐ MP – Marking Period ☐ EXM – Final Exam

GPA Type: ☐ GPAEL-GPA Elementary ☐ GPAML-GPA for Middle Level ☒ NHS-National Honor Society
☐ UGPA-Non-Weighted Grade Point Average ☒ GPA-Weighted Grade Point Average

State Course Code: 11101

To find the State Course Code, go to <https://nces.ed.gov/forum/sced.asp>, download the Excel file for SCED, click on SCED 6.0 tab, and chose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, and Materials:

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Publisher: Click or tap here to enter text.

ISBN #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Copyright Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

WCSD Board Approval Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supplemental Materials: Accelerate Education (Virtual Academy)

Curriculum Document

WCSD Board Approval:

Date Finalized: 6/10/2019

Date Approved: Click or tap to enter a date.

Implementation Year: 2019-2020

SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, and GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), Chapter 15 Section 504 Plan (504), and/or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

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ASSESSMENTS

PSSA Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content: The teacher must be knowledgeable of the PDE Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content and incorporate them regularly into planned instruction.

Formative Assessments: The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to conduct in-process evaluations of student learning.

Effective formative assessments for this course include: Click or tap here to enter text.

Summative Assessments: The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional task, lesson, and/or unit.

Effective summative assessments for this course include: Click or tap here to enter text.