

Publications Staff Application Walnut High School

Are you interested in journalism? Do you enjoy photography? Would you be interested in learning publication design? If your answers were YES to any of those questions, you should apply to join the Publications class at Walnut High School where you will work on the yearbook (Cayuse) and school newspaper (Hoofprint and Hoofprint Online). We are looking for a few great staff members for the 2017-2018 school year. There are three steps to the application process:

1. This completed application form
2. Article assignment
3. English teacher recommendation form with daily schedule and teachers' comments

If you are interested in being a publications photographer, please apply online at www.whshoofprint.com.

Name _____ Grade level for 2017-2018: _____

1. Do you have any experience working on a publication (i.e. magazine, newspaper, online blog, yearbook)? If so, please explain. (Experience on a publication staff is not required for you to be considered for Walnut High's staff.) If not, explain why you want to be on the Publications staff.

2. What extracurricular or leadership activities have you been involved in at school?

3. List and explain one quality that makes you a good candidate for Publications. Also describe an area of improvement or weakness you are working on.

4. Publications is a year-long course that requires a lot of dedication and hard work. Explain your strengths in terms of responsibility, time management, communication, and commitment.

5. Describe your interpersonal skills. How well do you work with your peers? With people you're unfamiliar with? Do you think you'd make a good interviewer? Why or why not?

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Article Assignment

Your hard work is a vital contribution to the success of the Publications staff. Here's your task: Type the following article assignment. Turn it in to the 8th grade SSRA by Thursday, March 9 with your completed application.

1. On a separate paper, type a 200-250 word news OR profile article about an event that occurred or is occurring at your school. It could be something interesting that you are studying in class, an extracurricular activity, a performing arts show, someone who should be spotlighted, etc. You will want to include quotes to make your article valid and interesting.
2. If you are interested in being a publications photographer, please apply online at www.whshoofprint.com no later than Tuesday, April 5. Use Wordpress, Tumblr, or Wix as your portfolio platform and submit the link to your portfolio through the online application. You do not need to submit your photos in print.

No late applications will be accepted.

Interview

We would like to meet you in person to help us make final decisions about applicants.

Please come to room D-1 at Walnut High sometime after school from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 14, Wednesday March 15, or Thursday March 16. No appointments are needed.

Please expect the interview itself to take about 15 minutes. Please understand that you may have to wait if there are others interviewing before you.

Not showing up for an interview may hinder your chances of being accepted into the class. Thank you for your interest in Publications. Good Luck!

Applicants will be notified of status no later than Friday, April 7.

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Teacher Recommendation

Student: Give this form to all of your teachers and have them complete the chart below. Then, give the form to your English teacher.

English teacher: Please complete the rest of this recommendation after the chart is complete and return to the 8TH GRADE SSRA by Thursday, March 9.

Per.	Course	Current Grade	Comments	Teacher Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Student Name _____ English Teacher _____

Writing ability ___Excellent ___Good ___Fair

Leadership skills: ___Excellent ___Good ___Fair

The student turns in work: ___Always ___Most of the time ___Sometimes

Which best describe the student's work attitude? (Check ALL that apply)

___Exceeds required level of work

___Genuine pride in work

___Shows attention to detail

___Fulfills what is required adequately

___Attempts challenging work

___Dislikes difficult work

___Creative, imaginative

___Works better alone

___Does mediocre work

___Liked by peers

Recommendation:

___I strongly recommend

___I recommend

___I recommend with reservations

___I do not recommend

Additional Comments:

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