

Yearbook Application

2018-2019 School Year

Overview

The yearbook elective is a yearlong program where you will work in teams to *create*, sell, and **distribute** our WGMS annuals (yearbooks). Our class time is spent analyzing layouts, color schemes, and the basics of journalism and sales. Our class is centrally focused on teamwork and individual responsibility and accountability within those teams.

Class Content

Teams: You'll be organized into five teams that are responsible for covering different grade levels, sports/clubs, and student life.

Teams Member Responsibilities: Each team is headed by a team leader (chosen from the prior year) and is comprised of a leader, photographer, page designer(s), public relations and an editor. Each team member is assigned specific duties and is also responsible for meeting the deadlines set by the team and the class.

Some Important Information

- If you are interested in joining yearbook, you must have had at least a C+ in your ELA class and an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Yearbook is scheduled during the regular school day. It is not an afterschool club.
- Because this is a class that works with the entire school (other students, WGMS staff, administrators) and creates something amazing, it is vitally important that you be responsible, mature, and creative.



So...if this is the class for you:

1. Neatly complete this application.
2. Ask a teacher (ELA, math, science, or social studies **ONLY**) to complete your recommendation form.
3. Turn in this application to the yearbook box in the office by **April 18th**.
4. Double-check with your teacher to ensure (s)he has completed your recommendation by **April 20th**.

Please remove this front page before you turn in your application.

To Be Completed By **STUDENT**:

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

List your top 3 elective choices: **1)**

2)

3)

Tell me about yourself by honestly by checking the box that corresponds to your answers to these questions.

Absolutely	Maybe	Probably Not	Question
			Are you willing to make our yearbook class one of your top priorities next year?
			If needed, would it be hard for you to arrange transportation if you have to stay after school for an event?
			Can you use proper grammar and punctuation?
			Are you comfortable talking to teachers, administrators, and other adults on campus?
			Do you have access to technology at home or outside of school? (*Not a requirement, but sometimes helpful.)
			Do you feel comfortable working with classmates who may not be your close friends?
			Are you comfortable using expensive equipment and being responsible for it?
			Will you be able to store yearbook photos on your phone until we know they have been uploaded?
			Do you typically ask for help when you need it?
			Are you one to ask for more work if you are done with your current task?

Check at least 4 of the areas in which you are comfortable and write a quick blurb explaining how or why.

Highlight the **3** you enjoy doing the most.

<input type="checkbox"/> Writing entertaining captions for photos	
<input type="checkbox"/> Taking eye-catching photos	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing interesting interview questions & interviewing staff and students	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thinking of creative ways to express our yearbook theme	
<input type="checkbox"/> Using the rules of good design to make a digital image/page	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attending school events for yearbook purposes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social networking (promoting yearbooks to classmates and friends)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up with how many times a student is in the yearbook	

Please rate yourself on the following questions (1 being NOT comfortable, 5 being comfortable):

How comfortable are you using...

computers, laptops, and technology?	1	2	3	4	5
a digital camera?	1	2	3	4	5
Google Docs/Google Slides?	1	2	3	4	5

Please *neatly* and *thoughtfully* answer the following questions.

Tell me why you want to be a member of the yearbook staff.

Don't tell me what you think I want to hear—tell me, honestly, why you are interested in taking this class.

Describe a time when you have been a
TEAM MEMBER

Describe a time when you have been a
LEADER

Have you ever done anything creative? If so, what was it? Did you enjoy it?

List any extracurricular activities you are involved with.

For 7th and 8th graders: List some things that you have liked about our yearbooks for far.

To Be Completed By a **TEACHER:**

Student's Name: _____ Circle current grade level: 5 6 7

Please circle your class subject:

ELA **Science** **Social Studies** **Math** **5th grade**

Dear Fellow Teacher,

The above student is interested in joining yearbook and would appreciate it if you would fill out this form and turn it in to Melissa Garcia's mailbox AT WGMS by **Friday, April 20th**.

Please fill out honestly.
Your recommendation is confidential.

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being lowest, please rate the student's:

Honesty	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Respect	1	2	3	4	5
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5
Writing Ability	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Skills	1	2	3	4	5
Independence/Motivation	1	2	3	4	5
Overall attitude	1	2	3	4	5

In yearbook, students work independently and in groups. They are expected to be respectful, hardworking, self-motivated, and dependable.

If you have any other comments or concerns, please let me know:

~ Thanks, Ms. Garcia