

**Arizona College Prep
Newspaper
2020-2021**

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STUDENT PROVIDED MATERIALS:

- Google Drive account
- Calendar to input important dates (electronic or hard copy)

SCHOOL PROVIDED MATERIALS:

- Student Computers for accessing Publisher

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

Newspaper is essential to any school. The role of the newspaper students is to showcase student life on campus. This is done online. Each student will publish two to three articles per week. The ACP online newspaper includes the following sections: School Accolades, Campus Life, The Creative Mind, Pursue Your Passion, and Instant Replay. When we are in person, students are required to also stay after school to photograph sporting events to add to the newspaper or coordinate with yearbook students to share pictures that have been taken but will not be published in the school yearbook.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The Arizona College Prep attendance policy will be followed as is stated in the *Student and Parent Handbook*. Students must be seated in their assigned seats at the beginning of the period. Tardiness to class will result in disciplinary action.

ASSIGNMENTS:

All students in Newspaper class will collaborate together to submit ideas for each newspaper. The teacher will then provide feedback on each article idea and together the students and teacher will organize due dates. Articles not submitted on time will receive a 70% maximum allotted grade, per ACP policy, unless prior arrangements are made with the teacher.

GRADING:

Grades will be weighted as follows:

- Content 50% (student's original work)
- Editing 20% (correcting mistakes and utilizing correct grammar)
- Timeliness 20% (all original work must be submitted on or before the agreed upon due date for that publication)
- Photographs 10% (student's original photographs or pictures that do not violate the copy write laws.

A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D =60-69%; F = 0-59%

LATE WORK:

All assignments **MUST** be submitted on assigned due dates. Late assignments are given a grace period of 48 hours and are eligible for a grade up to a 70%. Assignments turned in 48 hours past the due date will receive a grade of 0%.

CLASSROOM RULES:

1. Be on time and in assigned seat.
2. Be prepared with completed assignments and materials.
3. Follow directions the first time they are given.
4. Show respect to the classroom, the teacher, and the students.
5. Remain in the classroom unless permission is given to leave.
6. Drinks and food are now permitted. **NO** open drink containers, chips, popcorn, or food that creates crumbs, etc. will be permitted. If you spill something, you must report it immediately, or all drink and food privileges for all classes will be revoked, per Mr. Bickes.
7. Keep all electronic devices turned off and in your backpack unless specified for research purposes in class.
8. Follow all school rules.
9. Enjoy yourself and have fun! 😊

DISCIPLINE:

Note: Students must work cooperatively with one another. Behaviors such as inserting an article without the direct consent of Mrs. Patterson or printing any article or material without the direct consent of Mrs. Patterson will result in a conduct referral, and the submitted articles for that newspaper edition and all attached grades for those articles will receive no higher than a 50% grade. Other misbehaviors that do not directly follow the classroom rules stated above will result in the following disciplinary action:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Teacher-Student Conference
3. Teacher-Parent Conference
4. Referral to Administration

*If the behavior is creating a serious disruption, an immediate referral will be sent with the student to the office.

***Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of copying or borrowing the work or ideas of another person and passing it off as one's own. **Plagiarism occurs when quotes or paraphrasing material in written work does not have in-text citations or is not referenced or student copies from another student's work.** Students who commit plagiarism will not receive credit for their work and the parent will be contacted. Both the student who copies and the student who allows another person to copy their work will be penalized.

VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY: I will host live class experiences on assigned class days. I highly encourage students to attend the live sessions as important information will be shared. Students must answer my attendance question prior to the next class session to be counted as present. The following is the schedule for live classes via Google Meet:

Periods 1 and 2: 9:00-9:45

Periods 3 and 4: 10:45-11:30

Periods 5 and 6: 1:30-2:15

COMMUNICATION: Students are expected to check their Google classroom and class website regularly for announcements, lessons, and assignments. Because documents will be distributed electronically, you must inform me immediately if there is a problem retrieving them. Problems with due dates must be discussed with me before the due date. The best way to reach me is through e-mail. If you have a concern or question you need to discuss at length, I am available for google meet appointments. These meets must contain a parent/guardian, or they will be recorded.

I will be reaching out on an individual level twice week with each student.

Parents – Your child is responsible for writing and submitting 2-3 articles per week. Students must not be late with these. Articles often include interviewing staff members, students, and alumni. If your child is having difficulty getting a response, they must notify me immediately so we can work together and I can help them.

ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

- Your discussion posts will be consequential and full of content. For example, simply responding “me too,” or “thanks,” does not include content. Use good grammar and spelling when posting online. Use the spell check feature.
- You'll follow the rules of [Netiquette](#) as we establish our community in the course. For example, no bullying online.
- You will complete required tasks in a timely manner. Be proactive with a back-up plan in case you are unable to access the Internet in your regular place of study.

- You will not plagiarize the work of others and claim it as your own. Cite sources using the writing style guide MLA 8th edition.
- ALL photographs used from the Internet must site the source underneath the picture. All Disney related icons and pictures from the Internet may NOT be used at any time.

SYLLABUS AGREEMENT:

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms outlined in this syllabus, and I agree to complete all assignments to the best of my ability. I understand that I will be required to work outside of class, if needed, to meet the academic performance requirements of this course.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date