

Portland Public Schools

Course Number: 190201, 190201	School Wilson HS	
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Subject: Statesman newspaper	Days of week o Offered: M, T, Th, F	Hours offered: Period 2
Website: www.homepage.mac.com/tracygroom		
Prerequisites: None		
<p>Course description (forecast guide): Students in this high-tech hands on-class publish the Statesman, the student newspaper. They will write, take digital photos, sell advertising space and help design pages using state-of-the-art computer and photographic equipment. They will use Word and InDesign to integrate digital imagery, copy, artwork and advertisements onto pages to be published using a PDF format. Some students will use Excel to organize advertising, billing and mailing schedules and distribute the paper to students and staff.</p> <p><i>This is a production class-not a course in beginning journalism. The instructor will assume that Statesman students have an interest in writing and possess superior writing skills. Students entering the class for the first time will be coached to correctly use a journalistic writing style.</i></p>		
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn to interview others, write news and editorial stories, edit and publish a newspaper. • Students will learn to aesthetically design each section of a newspaper. • Students will learn to photograph current events with digital cameras. • Students will learn to sell advertisements and distribute the paper to the Wilson community. 		
<p>References, text book(s), resources: <i>Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual, Roget's Thesaurus, Best of the Press</i> from the NSPA, NSPA annual critique and other newspapers from schools across the United States. It is assumed that the instructor must be both a technical and inspirational resource for this class.</p>		
<p>Assessment/evaluation/grading policy: Students will be evaluated on participation, meeting deadlines and the quality/content of their contributions to the newspaper staff. Grades will be A-F unless other arrangements are made with counselors. If a student consistently earns a C or below that person will be encouraged to enroll in another elective course. The following breakdown will be used to determine grades: 90% - 100% = A, 80% - 89.9% = B, 70% - 79.9% = C, 60% - 69.9% = D, 0% - 59.9% = F 20%: Participation 20%: Meeting deadlines 60%: Quality and content of contributions to the newspaper</p>		
<p>Student opportunities to meet CIM/CAM requirements: Opportunities include written samples, photographic and cartooning portfolios and community performance.</p>		
<p>Additional costs for materials/out of pocket expenses expected for students: None</p>		
<p>Behavioral expectations: Students will be punctual and courteous, respecting others opinions and beliefs. Students will learn to be objective and unbiased in their communication with others. Students will care for the equipment provided and return it to the classroom on time and in good condition.</p>		
<p>Safety issues and requirements: On occasion students <i>with parent permission slips</i> will be allowed to leave campus to sell advertising and procure supplies-with the instructors permission <i>and</i> if the need arises.</p>		
<p>Additional opportunities: Check if appropriate/support requested</p> <p>() field trips (x) work shadows related to curriculum (x) paid or non-paid internships (x) project-based learning</p>		

(x) service-learning	
Effective date of syllabus: September, 2007	School year: 2007-2008

<p>Schedule of topics/units covered (optional)</p> <p>-Students will publish <i>at least</i> nine issues of the Statesman, including one color issue each school year.</p>
<p>Student Accommodation(s)¹ and support available: (e.g., tutoring, differentiated instruction):</p> <p>-Tutoring will be provided both before school by the instructor and during class by the senior editors.</p>
<p>This course can be used to meet one of the following graduation requirements. (optional)</p> <p>-Arts and communications requirement for 21st Century Honors. -An elective requirement.</p>

¹ “Accommodation” means an alteration in how a test is presented to or responded to by the person tested; it includes a variety of alterations in presentation format, response format, setting in which the test is taken, timing or scheduling. The alterations do not substantially change level, content or performance criteria. The changes are made in order to provide a student equal access to learning and equal opportunity to demonstrate what is known. For student with disabilities, accommodations may be stated on the student’s individualized education plan (IEP).