

The Grizzly Growl – CHHS School Newspaper Class



Advisor: Mr. Haslam

This class will consist of the three segments: learning the ins and outs of news writing, ethics, and mass media communication; writing, reporting, editing, photography and advertising for the school newspaper; and a heck of a lot of fun! You must have the ability to work well with others, meet deadlines, take constructive criticism, put yourself out there, and write creatively.

THIS IS AN ENGLISH CREDIT CLASS!! Much of the class will focus on developing and improving writing in a variety of styles and formats. Voice, tone, syntax, vocabulary, structure, and editing techniques will all be addressed in a writing workshop atmosphere.

Required Materials	Rules
1. Laptop (if available)	1. Be in your seat at the bell.
2. Binder w/ Divider Tabs	2. Be ready to write at the bell.
3. Plenty of paper	3. Be quiet after the bell.
4. Blue or Black Pen	4. Don't prevent me from teaching.
5. Digital Camera (if available)	5. Don't prevent others from learning.

Breaking rules may result in a warning, conference, or office referral.

Student grades will come from the following: participation, meeting deadlines, writing assignments, and the occasional assessment on news writing. This class is also a club. Students will be expected to pull their weight in helping out with club activities and events this year.

As the official newspaper for Copper Hills High School, we will need to cover as many school and community events as possible. Students should expect to have assignments that may require travel and work on the weekends.

Newspaper is a full-fledged class for an English credit. Students who fail to write and fail to meet deadlines will fail the class.

Student information, work, and grades will be kept confidential and will not be shared without the necessary authorization as per FERPA Regulations.

Grading & Assignments

Letter grades will be determined on the following scale:

93 - 100 = A	73 - 77 = C
90 - 92 = A-	70 - 72 = C-
88 - 89 = B+	68 - 69 = D+
83 - 87 = B	63 - 67 = D
80 - 82 = B-	60 - 62 = D-
78 - 79 = C+	0 - 59 = F

Students need to be in class every day and they will need to write or work on photography daily. I will be enforcing the Copper Hills attendance policy. If students miss three or more days of class, they will receive a NO GRADE, regardless of their performance in class.

(Please cut here and keep the previous pages. Turn in bottom half.)

MR. HASLAM'S NEWSPAPER CLASS CONTRACT

Student's Name (Print): _____

Parent's Name (Print): _____

Home/Cell Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

We have read Mr. Haslam's disclosure statement and understand that it is our responsibility to contact Mr. Haslam via phone or email if we should have any questions or concerns. We also understand the rules of the Mr. Haslam's Class and understand that he will follow fair and necessary protocol in making sure his policies are adhered to.

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____