



**2011-2012 Journalism Team Application**

*All current sixth and seventh grade students are eligible to apply.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade (for '11-'12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants: Please put your initials next to the following statements to indicate your understanding and agreement.

If selected for the journalism team,

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand my responsibilities for journalism will add to my school work load.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I will need to meet deadlines, with no extensions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I will be part of a team, and I will do my best to be a team player.

\_\_\_\_\_ As a member of the journalism team, I will conduct myself in a mature manner, show respect for my subjects and individuals I interview, and will be an excellent steward for Flagstaff Academy.

My current average grade in Language arts is: \_\_\_\_\_

My current overall GPA is: \_\_\_\_\_

What special skills do you have related to journalism (i.e., writing skills, software, comics, layout, research, leadership)?

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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Please have a current Middle School teacher complete the following section: (Mrs. Wilkins may not complete this section.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) has my endorsement and recommendation for the 2011-2012 Dragon Spectrum journalism team. This student possesses the maturity, work ethic, study habits, academic standing, and ability to work well on a team necessary to be successful in this endeavor.

\_\_\_\_\_ (teacher signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Please rank in order of interest (1 being the highest interest, 5 being the lowest), the journalism-related skills you enjoy the most:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-fiction writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fiction/creative writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Layout/Publishing (computer graphics, layout, design)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Investigative work/In-depth reporting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership/Managing a team

Please explain why you ordered these skills the way you did.

What do you know about the Dragon Spectrum?

What do you like about this publication?

What do you think could be improved?

On a separate sheet please provide:

- A summation discussing why you would like to be a part of the journalism/newspaper staff.
- A sample of non-fiction writing (400-500 words).
- A description of the meaning of teamwork.
- A description of the importance of meeting deadlines.

Applications should be turned in to the front desk. **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, 4:00 p.m.** No exceptions – no extensions.

The REVIEW COMMITTEE will begin considering applications after the application window has closed. Applications will be “blind,” with all names removed. Staff members will be chosen and notified by March 8, 2011.