

Publications (Lance and North Scott News)

I have no money to pay you, so I'll have to grade you!

- I. Publications are a team effort, until it is time to grade. Individual effort rules here.
- II. Deadlines are extremely important, keep in mind that we publish a daily news blog and print deadlines are not negotiable. The fact is that you will have homework. If you do not plan to work outside of class, then the guidance office will be happy to assist you in changing your schedule.
- III. Make-up work doesn't exist here. We survive on deadlines. If you know in advance you will be absent, make sure your work is turned in before you leave and get someone to cover your responsibilities.
- IV. Grades are based on the following principles:
 - a. Get your work done on time.
 - b. Do the work to the best of your ability (see below)
 - c. Follow the FIVE journalistic principles:
 - i. Seek Truth and Report It
 - ii. Minimize Harm
 - iii. Act Independently
 - iv. Be Accountable
 - v. Strive to Make News Interesting and Relevant
 - d. Sign in and out of the room – I must always know where you are.
- V. Grades are available at mid-quarter, quarter and semester. If you need to know your standing sooner, please see me and I will update you on your progress.

More specifics on grading:

1. Everyone is responsible for a weekly post to the news blog. Posts include news (must include a picture), photo gallery, video post or soundslide.
2. Everyone is responsible for two feature articles for the print publication. Deadlines are twice quarter; I will write the deadlines on the board. North Scott News will substitute the news broadcast for one of the feature articles.
3. Everyone has a beat, so your ability to cover it effectively is essential.
4. Your willingness to fill-in whenever a need arises will factor heavily into your grade.

Post Rubric:

Posts will be evaluated on quality and content. Post must be error free in terms of content. Spelling, grammar and vocabulary must be of a college preparatory level. Photos and videos must be current, journalistically sound and of solid composition. Video posts must be under 4 minutes.

Article Rubric:

Articles will be evaluated on quality, content and adherence to journalistic standards of correctness and accuracy. Articles must be interesting and offer readers a unique take on a particular event or activity. Meeting each deadline is a given!

