



**McCullough Junior High
2017-2018 Course Application**



**Yearbook II: Yearbook Production
(full year, 8th only)**

Course Overview

Yearbook II is a full-year course for the Highlander Yearbook Staff. An application is required. Second-year yearbook students continue to develop their journalism skills from **Yearbook I** and use their experience to produce the Highlander Yearbook. Students are encouraged to fill an editor's position and take a leadership role in the publication staff. Students will plan a yearbook ladder, complete various spreads and assignments, write copy, edit and complete a portfolio of work.

All interested eighth graders are invited to apply, though students who have taken Yearbook I as seventh graders are given priority consideration for a limited number of positions on the staff.

Topics Covered

Members of the Highlander Yearbook Staff have the unique responsibility of producing a yearbook that is offered for sale to every student in the school. Students expand their journalism knowledge as they create each individual page of the yearbook using publication design software. All work is computer generated.

Yearbook is a time intensive activity. Be sure you have the time and dedication to commit to this group. Members of the staff will have to work after school to finish assignments and attend extra-curricular activities to take pictures. Interested students should consider yearbook as an activity like athletics, music, or any other school organization that demands dedication.

Required Skills

Each person on the yearbook staff will be responsible for writing stories and captions, interviewing students and staff, attending events to take photos, maintaining organized photo files, creating layouts on the computer, and proofing and editing finished pages. This is a good opportunity for someone wishing to pursue a future in journalism and reporting.

Members should also portray the following characteristics:

- Strong work ethic
- Interest in writing
- School pride
- Cooperative team player
- Creative and open-minded
- Self-directed, ability to work independently
- Ability to plan and meet deadlines
- Receptive to feedback
- Trustworthy and responsible*

*Students in the course are entrusted with expensive equipment to carry out daily assignments.

To Apply

Please staple your *signed* application to your course selection sheet at the same time you turn it in to your counselor or teacher. **Applications must be received during the course selection window to be considered.** Applications should be filled out **by the student** and signed by a parent or guardian. Please email Lori Reichardt with questions at lareichardt@conroeisd.net.

