

McCullough Junior High
2022-2023 Course Application
Yearbook II: Yearbook Production
(full year, 8th only)

This application must be submitted to a counselor **no later than Friday, February 25th**.

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:

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

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

To Apply

Please give your **signed** application to your counselor when you meet to select courses with your math class.

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 e-mail Lauren Gough with questions at lgough@conroeisd.net

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To be filled out by the student applying. You may attach answers on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Proofreading is highly encouraged.

Name _____

Current School _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian E-mail _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. What are your main reasons for applying for the yearbook staff?

2. Describe how your skills and personal qualities will make you an asset to the yearbook staff.

3. Describe how you stay organized.

4. Describe how you work on a team.

Please attach any samples of your work you would like to be considered as part of your application. Please do not submit original copies, as we cannot guarantee you will receive them back.

I understand that Yearbook II is a year-long elective that will take the place of two of my elective slots. I understand that professional standards are expected and that work outside of class time is required.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

I am aware that my child is seeking a position on the yearbook staff. We have discussed the time commitment involved in this year-long course and understand that it will require some after school work and special events. I support my child's decision to apply for this position.

Parent or Guardian's signature _____ Date _____