



Portland Public Schools
Middle Level
Syllabus Template

School Year 2011-12

Teacher: Dawson, Alex		School: Mt. Tabor Middle School	
Subject: Publishing Journalism & Yearbook	Course Title: Publishing	Grade Level: 8 th	
Course description: Quarter course designed to engage students in creation of yearbook and expose students to the fundamentals of journalism.			
Course outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basics of journalism• Elements of a newspaper• Current events• Digital graphic design• Digital photography			
Academic Vocabulary: None			
District adopted materials: None			
Supplemental resources: Computer lab with internet access, digital cameras			
Differentiation/ accessibility strategies and support (TAG, ELL, SpEd): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modification of assignment/project complexity• Flexible grouping/partnering• Individualized instruction• Assignment spin-offs based on interest			
Final proficiencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and appreciation of the fundamentals of journalism• Collaborative creation of school yearbook (layout, artistry and writing)			
Behavioral expectations: <i>ATTENDANCE:</i> Consistent attendance is the expectation			

TARDINESS: 2 warnings then lunch detention, continued tardiness earns a referral

RULES:

- Respectful and safe behavior
- Timely completion of work
- Personal organization and use of day-planner

CONSEQUENCES:

Reteaching of rule, warning, conferencing with student and parent/guardian, referral

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