

What is Journalism?

Journalism is an elective class that runs the school newspaper, *The Gator*. We cover a variety of topics from band concerts, to basketball games to world events. *The Gator* is structured like a professional newsroom; we have section editors—news, sports, arts, opinion—a managing editor and an editor-in-chief. Section editors work with writers to develop and revise their pieces, while the managing editor and the editor-in-chief oversee the general direction of the *The Gator*.

Will I Succeed in Journalism?

To succeed in Journalism you do not have to be a passionate writer, frequent news consumer, or straight-A student. The one and only requirement is that you pursue your interests. For example, many “writers” have made videos that preview Brimmer and May plays and musicals. Other students have taken in-action photos of our varsity soccer, basketball and baseball competitions. The News Editor, Sam Ravina, started a series of interviews with prominent leaders from Congress, top universities and the business community. Point is: if you are willing to put in the effort for the things that interest you, you have a place at *The Gator*.

What will Journalism Do for Me?

Journalism students develop real-life skills that give them an advantage in their other classes, during their college application process, and well into their careers. One of the first traits you gain is a curious mind, and the ability to direct your own learning; you figure out how to pursue your skills and interests in a way that contributes to *The Gator*. Of course, you also learn critical thinking. Writers and editors have constant dialogue that emphasizes giving-and-receiving constructive feedback. Lastly, you will learn strong and dynamic communication skills to assist you in whatever field you pursue.