

# Honors Journalism

## NEWS WRITING RUBRIC

**Word count:** \_\_\_\_/10 points

- 500 words

**Journalistic grammar/conventions:** \_\_\_\_/30 points

- Follows AP style rules
- Spells names/identify grades properly
- Uses short paragraphs and sentences
- Uses proper attribution
- Uses active voice
- Avoids spelling/grammar errors

**News writing style:** \_\_\_\_/50 points

- No opinion
- Uses at least three sources
- Uses at least one expert source
- Doesn't interview people in class, friends or family members
- Written in inverted pyramid style

**Compelling, relevant lead:** \_\_\_\_/10 points

- Includes 5Ws and H
- 25-35 words (1-2 sentences) long

**Well-organized body:** \_\_\_\_/10 points

- Article and quotes are arranged in a logical manner
- Transitions are used so quotes don't stack on each other

**Logical, interesting ending (not a conclusion):** \_\_\_\_/10 points

- Ends with an interesting fact or a good quote

**TOTAL POINTS:** \_\_\_\_/120

