

# Staff Application

## *The View Yearbook 2026-2027*

**IMPORTANT: Applications are DUE by 2:00 pm on Friday, February 6 and should be turned in to Mr. Lenerz, the Yearbook Adviser. Finalist decisions will be posted at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 9 on the door of room 17-117. Finalists will then sign up for a brief, in-person interview that will occur February 11, 12, and 13 with final decisions posted Tuesday morning, Feb. 17.**

NOTE #1: Approval of the adviser is required for enrollment in all of the following: Journalism I, II, III and IV (either yearbook or newspaper).

NOTE #2: Applicants who apply for yearbook may also apply for broadcast or newspaper in case they don't get into yearbook.

NOTE #3: Yearbook is 5<sup>th</sup> period. Please make sure that doesn't conflict with any music electives you plan to take.

If you are not accepted to the yearbook staff, would you like to be considered for the Newspaper or Broadcast (circle): Yes, Newspaper / Yes, Broadcast / No

### ATTACHMENTS

You must include all of the following with your application when you submit it. **Unfinished or late** applications will not be accepted. Your teacher recommendations must be submitted by the TEACHER to Mr. Lenerz' box by the due date. This is your responsibility.

#### **Packet Contents:**

1. This completed application
2. Completed short essays (either written in below or typed on separate paper)
3. Two teacher recommendations
4. A copy of your semester report card

#### **Personal Info**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2024-25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

What activities do you participate in? (clubs, sports, hobbies) And in which of these will you participate next year?

Do you have outside photography or writing experience? Do you have experience in art or graphic design? Explain.

Do you feel comfortable communicating with people that you do not know (students, teachers, businesses)?

When do you think AI should be used in journalism (if ever)?

What leadership positions have you held and in what capacity? (class officer, clubs, sports, etc.)

Please write a 4- or 5-sentence explanation of why you want to join yearbook.

Have you been in Middle School Journalism? How has this impacted your decision in choosing to apply for *The View* staff?

Which of these topics most interest you? (check all that apply)

- Writing
- Photography
- Layout
- Business Management/Ad Sales
- Social Media Managing
- Computer Graphic Design
- Copy Editing

Any additional information that you think will be useful to your application:

**SHORT ESSAYS (Please answer with a paragraph for each on typed pages. Pay close attention to the quality of your writing):**

1. What are you passionate about?
2. *The View* is a student-run publication. How do you respond to the leadership of other students? If you were asked to fill a leadership role on the yearbook staff, what would be your own leadership style?

## Teacher Recommendation Form For The View Staff Application

Teacher Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recently, this student has applied to be on the staff, a position of responsibility, and the qualities listed below are essential to the staff.

Please rate how this student has demonstrated the following traits in your class:

- 5 being **excellent** (this student excels in this area)
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INITIATIVE	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
USE OF CLASS TIME	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
LEADERSHIP	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
ABILITY TO ACCEPT CRITICISM	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
HONESTY	5	4	3	2	1	N/A

Do you recommend this student for Yearbook? Why or why not?

Is there something beyond normal academic skills that makes this student particularly well-suited (or ill-suited) for Yearbook?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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