

Higher Education Teacher Preparation Standards

Journalism grades 6-12



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JOURNALISM

Early Adolescence through Late Adolescence
Grades 6-12

Standard 1 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates knowledge of the history of American journalism.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher understands the historical influence of journalism on American culture.
2. The teacher knows the impact that societal and technological changes have had on American journalism.
3. The teacher knows the role and responsibilities of a free press in a democratic society.

Performance

1. The teacher explains the historical influence of journalism on American culture.
2. The teacher describes how technology and social forces have changed the nature of American journalism.
3. The teacher guides the students in understanding the responsibilities of a free press.

Standard 2 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates knowledge of how language and images shape thinking and behavior.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher understands the rhetorical attributes of language and images.
2. The teacher knows how media messages are crafted to elicit specific behaviors.

Performance

1. The teacher guides students to be informed about media manipulative techniques.
2. The teacher guides students to be critical consumers of media.

Standard 3 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates knowledge of legal and ethical issues pertaining to scholastic journalism.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher knows the legal rights and ethical responsibilities of student journalists, faculty advisers, and school administrators.
2. The teacher understands legal terms applicable to scholastic journalism.
3. The teacher knows state law pertaining to scholastic journalism.
4. The teacher knows court cases that impact scholastic journalism.
5. The teacher is aware of professional resources that provide legal advice and assistance to scholastic journalism programs.

Performance

1. The teacher practices ethical decision-making as applied to scholastic journalism.
2. The teacher guides student journalists in ethical decision-making.
3. The teacher instructs students in legal terms, state law, and court cases affecting scholastic journalism.
4. The teacher adheres to laws governing scholastic journalism.

Standard 4 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates proficiency in various types of journalistic writing, reporting, scriptreading, and copyediting.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher defines and differentiates journalistic genres, such as news, sports, feature, and opinion articles.
2. The teacher understands the writing of journalistic devices, such as headlines and cutlines.
3. The teacher knows the basics of reporting, including interviewing, researching, assessing newsworthiness, and selecting sources.
4. The teacher knows the basic techniques used for presenting stories for both radio and television.
5. The teacher knows Associated Press style and the journalistic standards governing punctuation, spelling, and English usage.

Performance

1. The teacher prepares student reporters to gather adequate and newsworthy information.
2. The teacher guides the student writing of effective journalistic genres and devices for both print and broadcast media.
3. The teacher trains students to edit copy for style, conventions, and space.

Standard 5 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates proficiency with the organizational and technical aspects of scholastic journalism.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher understands publication management, including finances, marketing, and circulation.
2. The teacher understands design and layout principles.
3. The teacher knows contemporary technology appropriate to scholastic journalism and broadcast media.
4. The teacher knows the basic elements of photojournalism for both print and broadcast media.
5. The teacher knows the basic elements of broadcast journalism.

Performance

1. The teacher supervises the students in devising and executing a plan to finance publications.
2. The teacher guides the staff in devising and executing a plan to maximize circulation and readership of publications.
3. The teacher instructs students in effective design and layout of school publications.
4. The teacher directs the students in the use of contemporary technology appropriate to the technical printing procedures used in the production of newspapers and the technical procedures used in both radio and television broadcasting.

Standard 6 *The teacher of journalism demonstrates effective methods of teaching scholastic journalism.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher knows current and proven methods of teaching scholastic journalism.
2. The teacher knows how to organize and manage school publications.
3. The teacher knows techniques for evaluating student journalistic products and performances.
4. The teacher knows how to organize and manage broadcast media.

Performance

1. The teacher applies appropriate journalism teaching methods in the classroom.
2. The teacher efficiently supervises school publications and broadcast productions.
3. The teacher establishes and applies standards for evaluating student products and performances in both print and broadcast media.

Standard 7 *The teacher of journalism understands the role of media products to communicate with a variety of audiences, purposes, occasions and contexts.*

Knowledge

1. The teacher is knowledgeable about various methods that can be used to create aural and visual products.
2. The teacher knows how to analyze characteristics of various methods to create media.

Performance

1. The teacher can demonstrate how to create media products, such as computer-generated graphics, two- or three-dimensional displays, and audio/video recordings.
2. The teacher can demonstrate how to create media products, such as computer applications, video and audio tapes, recordings, live presentations and props.
3. The teacher can demonstrate advanced techniques in media production, such as lighting, pacing, camera angles, transition effects, and special effects.

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