

# High School Journalism Academic Career Path

## JOURNEY BEGINS: Schedule these classes your freshman year

- English 9 · 2 credits
- Algebra I · 2 credits
- Biology I · 2 credits
- PE · 1 credit
- Health and Wellness · 1 credit
- Any World Language · 2 credits

## CORE 40 REST STOP: Keep going if you want to reach Academic Honors\*

- Mass Media · 1-2 credits *or*
  - Journalism · 1-2 credits
- \*may combine to total 2 credits*

## GO THE EXTRA MILE: If you have an extra period available take any of the following\*

- Student Publications · 1-2 credits
- or*
- Any Speech · 1-2 credits
- or*
- Marketing Foundations · 2 credits
- \*may combine to total 2 credits*

## ROAD TRIP CONTINUES: Take these classes your sophomore year

- English 10 · 2 credits
- Geometry · 2 credits
- Integrated Chemistry-Physics  
*or* Chemistry *or* Physics · 2 credits
- PE · 1 credit
- Any World Language · 2 credits
- World History & Civilization · 1  
credit
- Geography & History of the  
World · 1 credit

## CORE 40 REST STOP: Move on if you want to reach Academic Honors

- Advanced Mass Media · 1 credit

## GO THE EXTRA MILE: If you have room, take one of these courses\*

- Student Publications · 1-2 credits
- or* Radio-TV/Broadcast/Telecomm  
· 1-2 credits
- or* Any Marketing · 1-2 credits
- or* Any Speech · 1-2 credits
- \*may combine to total 2 credits*

## OVER HALFWAY THERE: Load your transcript with these college-prep classes

- English Language & Composition  
AP + AP Exam · 2 credits *or*  
English Literature & Composition  
AP + AP Exam · 2 credits *or*  
Dual-Credit English · 2 credits
- Algebra II · 2 credits
- Any Core 40 Science · 2 credits
- Any World Language · 2 credits
- U.S. History · 2 credits

## CORE 40 REST STOP: Take a few more to reach Academic Honors

- Any Speech · 1 credit *or*  
Any English · 1 credit
- and*
- Digital Design *or* Photography *or*  
Any Core 40 Fine Arts · 1 credit

## GO THE EXTRA MILE: If you can, take one of these courses

- Student Publications 1-2 credits *or*  
Intermediate Radio-TV/Broadcast/  
Telecomm · 2-3 credits *or*  
Any Marketing · 1-2 credits *or*  
Any Speech 1-2 credits

## DESTINATION IN SIGHT: Impress colleges by taking these classes

- English Language & Composition  
AP + AP Exam · 2 credits *or*  
English Literature & Composition  
AP + AP Exam · 2 credits *or*  
Dual-Credit English · 2 credits
  - U.S. Government · 1 credit
  - Economics · 1 credit
  - Digital Design *or* Photography *or*  
Any Core 40 Fine Arts · 1 credit
  - Any World Language · 2 credits *or*  
Any English · 2 credits
- and*
- Student Publications · 2 credits

## CORE 40 REST STOP: Academic Honors in sight

- Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry · 2 credits

## GO THE EXTRA MILE: Prepare for a journalism career; take these courses

- Advanced Journalism · 1 credit *or*  
Advanced Radio-TV/Broadcast/  
Telecomm · 2-3 credits *or*  
Any Marketing · 1-2 credits *or*  
Any Speech 1-2 credits

**A 2008 RESEARCH STUDY BY THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SHOWED A POSITIVE LINK BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.**

Students who worked on high school newspapers and yearbooks:

- ✓ got better grades in high school
- ✓ earned higher scores on the ACT
- ✓ got better grades as college freshmen

To read results of the study go to <http://www.naafoundation.org/ScholasticPress/High-School-Journalism-Matters.aspx>

**JOURNALISM CAREER PATH MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIANA'S CORE 40 & AHD DIPLOMAS**

*It may be adjusted for career emphasis*

**For this Career Path, Indiana Core 40 requirements may be interpreted as:**

- ✓ English/Language Arts (8 credits) · which includes a balance of literature, speech, reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- ✓ Directed Electives (5 credits) · Journalism, World Languages, Career/Technical, Fine Arts

**For the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma:**

- ✓ Earn two Core 40 electronic media credits/ photojournalism credits/media graphics credits/fine arts credits

Visit <http://doe.in.gov/opd/languagearts/welcome.html> for more details

**The state does not require English 11 and 12.** It is a local decision to require English 11 and 12. For Core 40 with Academic Honors, students may take AP and/or Dual Credit courses as part of the 8 credits in English/Language Arts in Grades 11 and 12.

**For the Journalism Academic Career Path, consider English/Language Arts elective courses that complement the career path.**

**For course descriptions see**

<http://doe.state.in.us/publications/courses.html>

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## GET ON THE ROAD

Considering a career in journalism or a related field? Now, while you're in high school, is the best time for you to explore and sample courses that interest you. With Indiana's more rigorous diploma requirements many students have trouble fitting in all the classes they'd like to take. That's why we designed this brochure.

The journalism academic career path is for you if you're interested in any of following:

- advertising, marketing , public relations
- broadcasting, video, radio, television
- business, management, publishing
- government, politics, economics, law
- music, theatre, drama, museums
- science reporting, health, medicine
- graphic or web design, photojournalism
- writing/editing, newspapers, magazines, books
- sports or entertainment news
- teaching

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