




# Montgomery Blair High School

## 2021-2022 Course Syllabus



<b>Course</b>	CAP Journalism	
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<b>Course Description and Outcomes</b>	<p>In our newsroom, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• step into the role of journalist each day in a project-based classroom.</li><li>• center learning around their interests, and influence content/work through individual and group inquiry.</li><li>• hone critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication skills.</li><li>• explore a variety of relevant stories from local, national, and global headlines. We will read articles, listen to podcasts, analyze blogs, and view broadcasts/videos produced by diverse authors.</li><li>• Study traditional Journalistic standards, while examining the ever-evolving media landscape, and the changes that are driven by a digital world.</li><li>• Engage in discourse guided by media literacy, critical thinking, active listening, and empathy as we dissect bias, opinion, fact, and analysis across the American political/cultural/social spectrum.</li></ul>	
<b>Grading</b>	<p><b>Grading categories</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) All Tasks/Assessments (90%)</li><li>2) Practice/Preparation (10%)</li></ol> <p><b>50% Rule and Zeros-MCPS Policy</b></p> <p>Teachers may not assign a grade lower than 50 percent to a task/assessment. However, if a student does not work on the task/assessment, or if a teacher determines the student did not attempt to meet the basic requirements of the task/assessment or the student engaged in academic dishonesty, the teacher may assign a final grade of zero.</p> <p><b>Due Dates &amp; Deadlines</b></p> <p>Work turned in late may be lowered no more than one letter grade or 10 percent of the grade if turned in past the due date.</p>	
<b>Absences</b>	<p>If absent, you can find the work you missed on our myMCPS page under "Modules". Scan the QR code to get to our class homepage.</p> <p>If quarantined due to COVID-19, you will attend one of my check-ins on Wednesdays during lunch, 11-12. <a href="#">CHECK IN ZOOM LINK</a></p>	 SCAN ME

<b>Homework?</b>	<p>While some of our projects may require you to use time outside of class to research, interview, and collaborate, there will be no other homework assigned outside of the work you need to finish for said projects.</p> <p><i>Your major homework this year is to get into the habit of regularly watching/reading/listening to journalism-however you best absorb it. Find the outlet and time that works best for you. Begin with 5 minutes a day, then work up to a steady 15-25. Keep up with current events, but also explore topics that interest you.</i></p>
<b>Course Units</b>	<p>Semester A  UNIT 1.1: Traditional and Transforming Media Landscape &amp; Language  UNIT 1.2: Investigative, Data, Interactives  UNIT 1.3: Opinion</p> <p>Semester B  UNIT 2.1: Podcasting  UNIT 2.2: Features  UNIT 2.3: Broadcasting</p>