

# NCS Middle School Multi Media-Yearbook Staff Application

*\*This two page form should be attached to your elective choice sheet*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (student) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to sign up for Multi Media-Yearbook?

\_\_\_\_ Yearbook      \_\_\_\_ Video      \_\_\_\_ Both

Check all areas that interest you:

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| ____ photography    | ____ special feature reporting | ____ video editing           | ____ sound |
| ____ video /filming | ____ interviewing              | ____ voice over              |            |
| ____ anchoring      | ____ sports coverage           | ____ sales                   |            |
| ____ writing        | ____ editing/proofreading      | ____ computer graphic design |            |

What extracurricular activities do you anticipate being involved in this year?

Circle the qualities you feel you have:

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| sense of humor               | self-motivation       | good writing skills  |
| organization                 | good listening skills | outgoing personality |
| ability to work with other   | good reading skills   | creativity           |
| ability to see what needs to | patience              | curiosity            |
| be done                      | good editing skills   | logical thinking     |
| willingness to take risks    | enthusiasm            | respect for others   |

Designing a yearbook is a lot of work, but one of the most rewarding jobs you might do at school. You get an opportunity to talk to many people, participate in a wide variety of events, and make friends with a special group of people with whom you will work closely all year. You will learn to become a better writer and editor; you will learn about photography, organization, graphic design and sales. Producing a monthly news video is a lot fun but a lot of work as well. You will use some of the same skills you learn for yearbook with the addition of videotaping and video editing and maybe some work in front of the camera. The yearbook and monthly new video will only be as good as the people who

work to create them. You are not expected to come onto the staff knowing everything about making a yearbook or even how to make a video. I will help you learn specific technical skills. However, you do already have many skills and personality traits that will determine your success as a member of the staff. On the next page, explain why you want to be a member of the yearbook-video staff and what you think you can contribute to the creation of a great yearbook, and great news videos.

Why do you want to be a member of the yearbook/video staff? And what can you contribute?

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I have read the information on below and understand the time commitment involved in producing the yearbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student signature) \_\_\_\_\_ date

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent signature) \_\_\_\_\_ date

***Return your application to the secondary office***

Make sure you ask a teacher to submit a teacher recommendation form. Write your name on the form before you ask your teacher to fill it out. The teacher will return the form to me. Thank you.

**Time Commitment for the Multi Media-Yearbook Elective**

This is the area that occasionally causes miscommunication. There is no doubt that participating in yearbook is very time-consuming. Here are some points to consider:

- A yearbook staff member is expected to attend sporting and middle school events such as games, fun nights, choir or band concerts, plays, service projects and in school activities. These games and events usually take place after school.
- Other than attending sporting and middle school events after school, the amount of time a staffer spends outside of class is directly related to how effectively he/she uses class time and how able he/she is at deciding what to do when, being able to quickly change directions if one task becomes

temporarily undoable.

• A student can do some work at home if he/she has been diligent about collecting information at school. At home, students can organize notes, think of leads or stories, write scripts, log in and work on his/her yearbook page(s), edit photos and upload them to the website. Doing this will vastly decrease the time at school.

If you have questions about our yearbook or video production, please call, text or email Mrs. McPeek: NCS 602-978-5134, or amcpeek@ncsaz.org

## Teacher Blind Recommendation Form

**STUDENTS:** Please fill in your name only and give this form to one of your teachers at NCS.

**TEACHERS:** Please give this completed form directly to Amy McPeek

Name of student:

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Does the student meet deadlines?

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Does the student

have the ability to work independently? \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment about their creativity:

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Please comment on the students ability to stay focused on a task during class:

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