



Dear Parent,

You are receiving this letter because your child registered to take **Photojournalism I** during the 2020-21 school year at Legacy High School. I know we are just wrapping up the 2020 school year but I want to make sure that you are aware of the course requirements for Photojournalism I. This way you'll have plenty of time over the summer to gather the necessary equipment.

The Mansfield ISD Course Guide says, "students are expected to provide the following: SLR (digital) camera and lens (approximate cost \$200-\$500), film and photography paper throughout the course, and a \$25 lab fee."

We no longer use film or photography paper in a wet photo lab; all work is done on computers, using Adobe Bridge and Photoshop. Therefore, you **DO NOT** need to furnish film or photography paper. However, you will need to pay the \$25 lab fee, which covers the cost of ink, paper and other supplies for the class.

Students **MUST** have a **DIGITAL** SLR camera for the class. (It's an SLR camera if the lens can come off.) It does not need to be a brand new camera, however it should be in good working condition. You may already have one at home. **IT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY DIGITAL**, and it should be equipped with a memory card (at least 16 GB). Feel free to check pawn shops, Craig's List, eBay, etc. for cameras if you need to purchase one. I've included a check list of all equipment needed.

Since this camera is a major purchase, please make sure your child wants to be in Photojournalism I. Yes, it is an elective, and yes, it is a fun course, however, your child should consider taking the class for more than one year to get maximum benefit out of the purchase. We offer Photo II and Photo III plus Yearbook and Newspaper classes, where the camera can be used in the future. Students **ARE NOT** allowed to take pictures with their iPhone or iPad for this course.

Please talk to your student, decide **FOR SURE** that you both want to incur the costs of Photojournalism I. Contact me and your student's counselor if your child wants to change to another course and drop Photojournalism I; otherwise, they will be permanently scheduled into the course for next year.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation. Have a great summer.

Respectfully,

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# Photojournalism I

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a beginning course for students who have an interest in photography. Students who earn an average of 80 or above are invited to apply for photographer staff positions in Photo II which produce work for the school yearbook and newspaper. No prerequisite is necessary, but because of costs associated with the course, parental approval is needed.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Camera - **digital SLR** with lens/lenses
- Memory card , 16 GB (one specific for this class is very helpful that way family photos are deleted)
- SD memory card reader or the cord (Interface Cable IFC-130U ) to download from camera to computer
- Camera bag
- Manual for camera (download from manufacturers website and store on flash drive/iPad if you don't have it — DO NOT PRINT)
- Batteries/charger (2 batteries are very handy to have)
- \$25 lab fee**



\*\* Photojournalism students are required to have a digital SLR camera such as this Canon Rebel T6. →

\*\* Students are not required to have any specific brand of equipment. However, the journalism department uses Canon. If your student moves on to an advance class such as Photo II, newspaper or yearbook, if they have their own Canon equipment they will be able use a variety of Canon lenses the department has purchased.

\*\* Please label your equipment to avoid any confusion between students. I will take serial numbers of all equipment at the beginning of the semester to help with this.

\*\* Students will not need to carry their cameras to class every day. I will use Remind to let them know which days they will need their cameras. Students are responsible for their equipment.

\*\* If you do need to purchase a camera, please consider supporting these local vendors. They can answer all your questions and help you get a feel for the right one. They often price match as well.



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