



Naperville North High School

Course: Blended Advanced Media Lab

Mission	To educate students to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors. To prepare students to be model digital citizens and First Amendment leaders.
Course Description	This full-year course is designed to teach students how to serve their community as news gatherers and producers for The North Star and The NOW. Students learn to be active, responsible citizens and quality content producers. This is a lab course. Students learn by doing.
Student & Teacher Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students should communicate with their teachers regarding questions and concerns.● The most efficient way to communicate with teachers outside of class is through email; however, if you haven't received a response within 48 hours, please resend the email.● Teachers make every effort to respond to emails and phone calls within 24 hours during the workweek.
Course Priority Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● RI.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.● RI.9-10.8 Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.● W.11-12.2.B Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.● W.11-12.2.E Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.● SL.11-12.1.A Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.● SL.11-12.1.B Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
Grading Definitions	<p><u>PRACTICE</u> is used to monitor students' learning to provide ongoing feedback that can be used by students to improve their learning. Examples may include the following: practice activities, homework, reading checks, discussion boards, etc.</p> <p><u>EVIDENCE of LEARNING</u> is used to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional unit or segment of learning by comparing it against a standard or benchmark.</p>

Grading Practices

- No extra credit will be issued.
- Academic behaviors can be included in the grade calculation when they are critical to student success in the course and those behaviors are taught and practiced in the classroom.
- In Infinite Campus, a score of “Missing” (M) will indicate an assessment has not been turned in and the comments section will include a specific date by which students can still submit. After that date, a zero (0) will be recorded.
- Work submitted after the original due date cannot be penalized more than 10% and must be submitted no later than one week (5 school days) after the original due date.
- If a legitimate attempt is made on an assessment and the practice work has been completed, a score of 50% will be the lowest possible grade.
- Violations of the academic integrity policy will be consequence by the administration in collaboration with the department chair/teacher.
- Posted grades represent the grade that students would receive if they transferred out of a class today.
- All assessments must be shared in Google format with editing permissions AND submitted to Canvas (unless otherwise directed) or they will not be accepted.

Grading Standards & Weight

Practice Assessments: (0%) / Evidence Assessments (100%)

Reading: 20%	Writing: 40%	Speaking/Listening: 40%
Reading & news assessments/quizzes Other news models and media critiques	News stories Feature stories News scripts Video productions Other News products	News gathering, story pitches, deadlines, and editorial management.

Semester Grade = Coursework (90%) / Final Exam (10%)

A=100-90%, B=89-80%, C= 79-70%, D=69-60%, F=59-0%

Reassessment Policies

The purpose of reassessment is to allow students to demonstrate proficiency of course standards in which they remain deficient. Instructors can initiate the reassessment process when a student scores below 85% and one of the following scenarios applies:

- Practice work is not eligible for reassessment.
- Evidence of Learning work may be eligible for reassessment. Refer to the chart below for eligibility:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assessment included multiple opportunities for feedback and improvement in the process for the final product OR formative assessments are aligned to standards, allow students to practice in the same assessment format, and gain feedback for improvement before the summative assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was timely and consistent completion of practice work and formative assessments. • A one-time performance on an assessment does not reflect the student’s level of proficiency leading up to the assessment. • Summative assessment score is below 85%.
Not eligible for reassessment	Eligible for reassessment if all three statements above are true.

Reassessment Parameters:

- The reassessment opportunity will require designated learning experiences that demonstrate readiness as assigned by the teacher.

- Reassessments MUST be completed within 5 school days of the student receiving feedback unless otherwise determined by the instructor. The reassessment deadline should be communicated in an IC comment.
- The final reassessment score will be capped at 85%.

Support and Resources

- Make an appointment with teachers if additional instruction or support is needed.
- Attend peer tutoring in the Lit Center during lunch periods to receive extra support or to work on assignments.
- Drop in to work with a peer tutor during lunch periods or before school in the Literacy Center.

Academic Integrity

District 203 students are challenged to address the academic process enthusiastically, diligently, and most importantly, honestly. It is the responsibility of our students, teachers, and administration to uphold the fundamental academic values of honesty, responsibility, fairness, respect and trust. The integrity of our district's academic programs is built upon these principles.

Academic integrity violations include cheating, plagiarism, self-plagiarism or copy infringement, obtaining or providing an unfair advantage, using a writing service and/or AI in place of original work unless specifically authorized by staff, falsification of documents, unauthorized access to records, and inappropriate collaboration, whether intentional or unintentional. The classroom teacher and administration will collaborate and exercise professional judgment in determining academic integrity violations.

D203 Statement on AI

At Naperville North High School, we strive to build a learner's mindset in all students, developing qualities such as adaptability, communication, critical thinking, and global citizenship. Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), offers new opportunities to engage with important technology relevant to the future that also raises significant educational considerations. AI tools provide unique ways to engage students in the learning process, hence we encourage our staff to guide students in using AI responsibly. Teachers have the authority to establish guidelines for AI use in their classrooms, setting clear expectations for how AI can be used on learning tasks. Concurrently, we recognize that reliance on AI risks replacing genuine student engagement and original thought, undermining the attributes we aim to cultivate. Striking a balance between leveraging AI tools effectively and maintaining educational standards is crucial to the learning experience of each student.

Parents and Guardians Partnership

Naperville North believes in a collective partnership with parents/guardians which provides students the best opportunities for success. Some ways parents/guardians can support their student's learning are the following:

- Actively check Infinite Campus for grade updates.
 - Infinite Campus is a tool to progress monitor student work until final course grades are posted.
 - Monthly progress grades are posted and represent the current grade of a student in the course at that moment in time.
- Discuss missing assignments, reiterate due dates, help organize folders, materials, assignment notebooks, and review upcoming projects and assessments.