

2022 State Journalism Championship



#2 -- Newspaper Column Writing

Time Limit – 1:15

Directions: Select one of the two topics listed below and write a column aimed at a high school audience. Entries will be evaluated on the following: (1) establishes a clear opinion with specific and effective support; (2) presents a solution/alternative/action; (3) individual voice and style are evident; (4) follows journalistic style.

When you are finished:

1. Type your first and last name at the top of your document.
2. Save your document as a PDF with the filename: yourfirstlastname_columnwriting_Class (For example: SusieSmith_columnwriting_ClassA)
3. Notify the proctor you are finished.

Topic #1:

School spirit and its impact on school culture: good or bad?

Topic #2:

Address the dependence on social media use in everyday life.