

2023 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 or print your first and last name on your advertisement.
2. Save your document as a PDF with the filename:
yourfirstlastname_newspapercolumnwriting_Class (For example:
SusieSmith_newspapercolumnwriting_ClassA)
3. Notify the proctor when you are finished.

Topic #1:

Should students be required to participate in a set number of community service hours prior to graduating from high school?

Topic #2:

Should high schools be required to employ a mental health counselor?