

Application 2016
INDEPENDENT STUDY IN JOURNALISM
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Please return to Ms. Gallen in 346

Name _____

Student Number: _____

Grade next year _____

1st semester average in English: _____

Please check *yes* or *no* for each of the following:

Are you interested in page design? yes _____ no _____

Are you interested in photography? yes _____ no _____

Are you interested in proofing and editing? yes _____ no _____

Are you self-directed and able to meet deadlines? yes _____ no _____

Explain any *no* answers: _____

Under the categories photography, page design, and proofing and editing, which would you like to pursue and focus on?

Complete the article assignment and email to victoria.gallen@austinisd.org

Choose one of the following topics and write a 300-word newspaper article in response. You may need to do research and interview subjects to complete the article.

- A. Should having a driver's license be based on your attendance at school?
- B. Are students at your school allowed to leave school for lunch or do you have a "closed" campus policy requiring students to stay on campus? Explain your school's policy -- including enforcement -- and debate the policy's pros and cons.
- C. There was a time when "detention" was a feared word. Is it still the case today? What plan is in place to deter misbehavior at your school? What discipline is used and how do students and administrators feel about the effectiveness of such tactics?
- D. A student's locker is as individual as the student. Stop 5 students in the hall and ask them to "give a tour" of their locker. List some of the unique things that are in it. Highlight five objects in each locker and compare.
- E. Three-sport athletes used to be common, but in recent years, sports participation has become more specialized. Does your school have any three-sport athletes left? What are the biggest challenges he/she faces? Do coaches encourage specialization at your school?
- F. Every generation makes fun of the one before. Old styles and sayings are laughed at by the younger generation. Predict which sayings and styles will be embarrassing to your generation in 10 years. Consider taking a poll to gather information for this.