

Future Journalists of America

Article I

The name of this organization shall be Future Journalists of America, herein after as FJA.

Article II

1. The purpose of this organization shall be to function as an autonomous unit of Future Journalists of America to foster the aims and interests of FJA.
2. The aims and interests shall include, but not be limited to, fostering journalistic experiences of the students through school publications and other media at Westmoore High School.
3. FJA shall encourage teamwork between members (as representatives of school publications) the school administration, and the community.
4. FJA shall encourage school publications and other student media to extend their influence and raise their standards.
5. FJA shall promote the belief that student publications and other media are means toward education and not an end in themselves.
6. FJA shall promote the considering of publications and other media as a medium for the expression of the best in thought, and as an instrument for the discovery and expression of the latent talents of creativity.
7. FJA shall recognize the business-like atmosphere associated with school publications, and shall promote the opportunities school publications provide for the development of a high sense of personal, school, and civic responsibility.
8. FJA shall promote and encourage students with an interest to consider careers in journalism. This shall include, but not be limited to, taking advantage of field trips, speakers, and other resources which lend themselves to this goal

Article III

Membership in Future Journalists of America is for newspaper and yearbook staff members, photography students, and any other students interested in journalism, and who as evidence of their interest and intent shall pay fees prescribed by the adviser(s) and club officers of this organization, and regularly attend meetings.

Article IV

The officers of FJA shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary/treasurer, and Reporter/historian. Qualifications for these offices shall require that each officer must be enrolled in either Newspaper or Yearbook class. Election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the new school year.

The office of President is restricted to a junior or senior student who has previously been an active member of FJA. The offices of Vice-president, Secretary/treasurer, and Reporter/historian are open to any member enrolled in a journalism or yearbook class.

The duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings. The President shall organize projects to achieve goals, appoint committees, and assign job, projects, and deadlines as necessary for the successful operation of the organization.

The Vice-president is the official replacement of the President should the president fail to function or be unable to attend a meeting.

The Secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for taking roll and minutes at all meetings, presenting incoming mail to the organization, and for corresponding with others.

The Reporter/historian shall make regular submissions to the newspaper staff of information concerning club business and activities. The reporter shall also make a scrapbook of the organization's activities to be presented at the annual FJA banquet.

These four officers, plus the advisor, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Article V

Removal from office --- Failure to maintain the requirements and duties listed above will result in the advisor taking disciplinary action. This action shall include:

Step 1 -- verbal reprimand

Step 2 -- written reprimand with parents being notified in conjunction with Step 3

Step 3 -- Two week probationary period

Step 4 -- Removal from office

Removal from membership --- Any member who misses more than two consecutive meetings may be asked to resign the membership upon consideration of the Executive Board.

Article VI

At the time of election, the order of election shall begin with President, follow with Vice-president, Secretary/treasurer, and finish with Reporter/historian. All paid members shall have voting privileges in all decisions. Decisions of elections must be made by a majority of the voters present at the time of the election.

Article VII

There shall be at least one meeting for FJA monthly, except for the month of May. A May meeting is optional.

Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the officers and advisor.

Article VIII

This Constitution may be amended by the officers and advisor's of FJA with the approval of a quorum of members.

BYLAWS

Article I

Officers of FJA shall serve a two-semester term, beginning at the first meeting of the year and ending with the banquet.

Article II The dues of this organization shall be regulated according to the financial needs of the organization and shall be determined by the officers and advisor. For the 1991-92 school year, dues are \$4.

Article III

Meetings, records, and archives shall be maintained in the Journalism office.

Article IV

FJA shall act as an agent for the collection and recording of dues, and shall deposit and withdraw funds with the advice and consent of the advisor the necessary funds to meet expenses incurred in the operation of the organization.