



# Livewire

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## **Text:**

Journalism: A Handbook for Journalists

## **Rules and Expectations:**

- Follow all directions the first time they are given
- Complete all assignments and turn them in on time; **No late work will be accepted**
- Utilize class time
- Do your own work
- Do not touch anything on Ms. DeZort's desk and bookshelves unless you have permission
- This is a **NO WHINING ZONE!** Everything we do in class is in your best interest
- No vulgar or profane language
- Respect yourself, your classmates, and your teacher
- Take responsibility for your actions instead of making excuses
- When I am talking... you are listening and not talking
- Leave your cell phone in your locker. **If you use it, you lose it... no argument**
- Keep your hands, feet, and derogatory comments to yourself
- Bring all books and materials to class
- Be in your seat when the bell rings working on your boardwork
- Pick up your work area before you leave the classroom
- No food, drinks, or snacks in the classroom with the exception of water
- Only work on English in English class; do not bring homework from other classes to my room
- Follow all school rules

## **Consequences:**

**1st offense-** Warning Infraction Slip/ Time after class to talk to Ms. DeZort/ Loss of participation points

**2nd offense-** Loss of participation points/ Noon Detention/ Action plan/ Parents called

**3rd offense-** Loss of participation points/ Referral written/Student sent to office/ Parent called

**Severe Disruption: Student will be sent to the office immediately, and their parents will be called!**

## **Hall Passes:**

Students must ask permission to leave the classroom. Once you've been given permission, you must take the universal hall pass. If you abuse your hall pass, it will be taken away. **NO** hall passes will be given out when there is a substitute teacher in the classroom. Only one person can leave the room at a time. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **Tardiness:**

You are considered tardy if you are not in the classroom when the bell rings. If you are tardy, you will sign the tardy sheet. If you have a note to excuse your tardy, you must attach it to the tardy sheet on the clipboard otherwise it will be counted as unexcused. The tardy will be documented in Power School and sent to the office. The office will assign detention according to the student handbook.

## **Class Dismissal:**

The bell does not dismiss you from class, Ms. DeZort does. Do not pack up your books until you are told to do so.

## **Absences:**

If you are absent from class, you will need to come in on your own time to work on your articles.

## **Substitute Teacher:**

You are expected to treat a substitute teacher with the utmost respect in my classroom. When I am absent, the substitute is your teacher for that day, and you must follow their directions even if they are different from what I do in the classroom. If the substitute leaves your name for misbehavior, you will lose 30 participation points and be written up.

**Cheating/Plagiarism:**

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated at Cut Bank High School. This includes copying another student’s homework or letting another student copy your homework. This type of behavior is nothing but a detriment to all involved. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in my classroom. Students who are caught plagiarizing or cheating will be punished as follows:

- 1st offense- Loss of all points on assignment/ written up/ detention
- 2nd offense- Loss of all points on assignment/ written up/ detention/ parents notified
- 3rd offense- students will be in jeopardy of failing the semester

**Technology Use Policy:**

All students will abide by the Technology Use Policy. If you violate the school’s policy and are unable to work on a computer, you will no longer be able to complete your articles and will be dismissed from the Livewire staff. If you are caught violating the school’s policy during class time, you will be punished as follows: Referral to office/ parents called / technology staff will be called and your username and password will be disabled/ dismissed from the Livewire staff

**Evaluation:**

**Grades in my classroom are earned not given.** You have complete control over earning a good grade. Grades will be based on participation, article deadlines, and layout deadlines. Participation points include: following all directions, coming to class prepared, having a good attitude, and behaving properly. Students will be graded weekly. The following grade scale will be used for this course:  
100-90 = A 89-80 = B 79-70 = C 69-60 = D 59-Below = F

**Remember, I am here to help you be successful. If you need help, I am here before school and after school to help you. If you need extra help, please come during these times so I can help you be successful.**

**I have read the above syllabus in its entirety and understand Ms. DeZort’s expectations for Livewire.**

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Student

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Parent/Guardian