

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE BEST SCHOOL PAPERS

	Percentage	Score
<p>Content (50%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits appropriate balance of news, editorial, features, sports, and other appropriate and interesting content • Shows relevance of local, national and international events to students • Utilizes facts from interviews, document review, data analysis and other reliable sources • Showcases original works made by students. • Shows a variety of stories that are appropriate to the section • Covers relevant issues in the school, region, national and even in the international level • Cites facts like historical references, statistics, relevant names/facts to bolster credibility of statements, assertions, arguments and/or narratives • Properly cites information and attributes these facts from the source of information • Keeps to the minimum the number of articles/columns from the administration, teachers and politicians • Prioritizes school-related materials over events that have little or no direct connection with the community's educational and athletic programs • Provides balance of light and serious topics • Applies the principles of civic journalism 		
<p>Technical (40%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranges stories in decreasing importance. • Have clear and unbiased headlines • Uses pictures and graphics that are clear, properly cropped and captioned • Utilizes relevant graphics and illustrations • Exhibits clear focus and coherent organization of articles • Observes the rules of grammar and syntax • Follows correct journalistic style and format • Chooses tone and style to fit articles and sections 		
<p>Ethics (10%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observes accepted standards of journalism in terms of fairness, relevance, accuracy and balance • Avoids potentially libelous or obscene content, plagiarism and copyright violations 		
	100%	