

# Horizon Editorial Policy

The *Horizon* is published at WestwoodHorizon.com. This Westwood High School student news site is produced by students enrolled in advanced journalism courses at Westwood High School. The *Horizon* attempts to cover the people and events of the school community as fairly, impartially, and accurately as possible. The content of the publication focuses on coverage that will meet the interests, wants and needs of the majority of the target audience (the students and staff of Westwood High School), as long as those wants and needs are not contradictory to the principles of scholastic journalism. Through emphasis on the skills of journalistic writing, graphic design, photography, the publication offers an educational opportunity for staff members while also serving as a source of information for the school and community.

The editors, staff members, and adviser reserve the right to select content and determine priorities in both photographs and written material. They never knowingly libel, invade the privacy of, deny the rights of, or ridicule or mock an individual or group. Fairness, good taste, common sense, school and community standards, and ethics of responsible journalism are observed. No material that is libelous, irresponsible, and/or advocates illegal activity will be published. No material the editors or the adviser deem to be in poor taste will be published. The *Horizon* is not a public relations tool, nor is it the goal of the publication to cause controversy; the goal of the *Horizon* is fair and accurate coverage of school-related events.

Staff writers and editors are required to submit one story each week; topics and modes of coverage may be selected by the staffer or assigned by the editor.

Editorials and reviews are the opinions of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the rest of the staff, the editors, the adviser, or any other RRISD personnel.

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