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HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

o matter who you are or what you do on this staff, you will need writing skills. Writers, of course, must produce quality copy every issue cycle; page editors must take responsibility for the content of their pages; photographers must submit effective cutlines; and even ad staffers must present their customers in the best possible light to our publications' 5,000+ readers. This manual will improve your work and make that work easier, so you might as well learn to use it.

You will find a great wealth of material in the pages that follow. Divided into two main sections, the manual contains the rules, standards and exceptions of our own journalistic style. Basic rules of grammar apply in the newspaper world just as they do in English class. Some guidelines, however, may differ from those taught in the English department, so you definitely should take some time both to review the stuff you know and to learn the stuff you don't.

Unlike ideal journalistic writing, though, this manual is redundant. The two sections basically repeat each other in different form. This design attempts to connect with all types of writers and all types of style questions. For those who like straight lines, columns and categories, Part 1 of the manual organizes style rules by their use and assigns them numbers. For example, sports rules lie in Section 7, and one finds guidelines for numbers in Section 5. Part 2 of the manual abandons the generally meaningless numbers in favor of the alphabet; this section lists all rules alphabetically by keyword. Therefore, a staff member seeking the style for dimensions, Head Coach and Semistate must only look up these words as one would in a dictionary, thesaurus or AP Stylebook. As you become more experienced, you may even find other hidden goodies, like course listings or IHSAA school mascots or other fun resources.

There it is. You, too, can be a style expert. But don't be intimidated by the vast number of rules and regulations; you don't need to have them memorized. Not even the copy editors know all the style by heart. What's important is that you know there are rules and that you can find them when you need them – which is more often than you think.

STYLE MANUAL KEY

Each entry is identified by a number.

The subject of the entry is identified in bold. Entries are alphabetical by section.

Text explains usage.

2.13 **addresses** Use *Ave., Blvd.* and *St.* when used with a numbered address. *101 Main St.* Spell out in other cases. *The school is located on Main Street.* Other street designations, such as *Lane, Circle, Court, etc.* are spelled out no matter how they are used.

Spell out and capitalize *first* through *ninth* when used with street designations. *Fifth Avenue* Abbreviate compass directions when used with street number. *501 E. Main St.* See **2.25**, **3.12** and **5.12**.

The numbers of related entries – are in bold.

Examples of correct and incorrect usage are in italics.

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1.00: COPY FORMAT & SUBMISSION

- 1.11 Double space all copy.
- 1.12 In upper-left corner of first page of story, supply the following information: Reporter name, class period, submission date, publication date, "slug" (one word) of story content and word count.
- 1.13 Tab do NOT hit the space bar five times to create the paragraph indents.
- 1.14 Keep lead paragraph short, usually fewer than 30 words.
- 1.15 Keep other paragraphs short, usually fewer than 70 words.
- 1.16 Vary sentence length within story, using a combination of short and long sentences for reader interest.
- 1.17 Avoid starting leads with articles (a, an, the) or with time phrases (Wednesday the team played...). Do not include articles in headlines. Put a comma in place of the article.
- 1.18 Rewrite the entire story at the request of editors if original story is poorly written or out of order.
- 1.19 Writers should use only active verb tenses, in which the subject of the sentence performs the action of the verb. RIGHT: The players practiced their game plan for seven months. Sentences should not display passive verb tenses, in which the direct object of the verb's action is the subject of the sentence. WRONG: The game plan was practiced by the players for seven months.
- 1.20 Reporters should avoid "be+ing" verbs. RIGHT: The team faces Northrop tonight . WRONG: The team is facing Northrop tonight. Also, avoid beginning sentences with unclear subjects: (There are four club officers; it is the first time the team faces Noblesville in the Sectional.)
- 1.21 All cutlines must have two sentences and identify the people. even from other schools, in the photo. The first sentence should be in present tense and identify the people as well as the action. The second sentence, in past tense, should tell additional information not included in the story.
- 1.22 When attributing quotes, the speaker's name should come before the verb said. Note that writers should use only said. Do not use verbs such as feel or believe. Put said after the speaker's name except when the speaker is identified with a title of more than three words.
- 1.23 Every time a reporter quotes a new speaker in a story, he should start a new paragraph so as to not confuse the reader as to who is speaking. Each paragraph should contain quotes from only one speaker. Also, the new speaker should be clearly identified at the beginning of the new paragraph.
- 1.24 Stories are to be received via email by the stated deadline, NOT merely sent by the deadline.

- 1.25 Reporters should always keep an extra copy of their stories in their own personal files.
- 1.26 When typing any copy on a computer, put only ONE space after periods or any punctuation, not two.

2.00: ABBREVIATIONS

2.11 abbreviations Do not use periods for abbreviations unless otherwise specified or with a two letter abbreviation. B.A., B.C., U.K., U.N., U.S. Exception: There are no periods if said abbreviation is AP or EU.

The following abbreviations do not need a first reference. ABCs, ACT, AP (When in reference to the Advanced Placement program), ASPCA, ATM, CBS, CD, CHS, CIA, DVD, EU, FBI, GOP, GPA, GPS, IBM, IHSAA, IU, IUPUI, IQ, NATO, NBC, PA, PDF, PTO, SAT, SRT. SSR. UFO and VIP

Assume all other abbreviations require a first reference. Identify unfamiliar abbreviations in parentheses after full name in first reference—the large group instruction (LGI) room. When the first reference of an unfamiliar abbreviation is mentioned in a quote, place the full name in parentheses. "The LGI (large group instruction) room is my favorite place in the school," Potter said. See **3.72.**

2.12 acronyms An acronym is a word formed from the first letter or letters of a series of words: laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation).

Identify unfamiliar acronyms in parentheses after full name on first reference. The team placed first in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC). then The team competed in the MIC yesterday.

The following acronyms do not need a first reference. CLASS awards, ISTEP+, R.S.V.P., scuba and UNICEF Assume all other acronyms require a first reference. When the first reference of an unfamiliar acronym is mentioned in a quote, place the full name in parentheses.

2.13 addresses Use Ave., Blvd. and St. when used with a numbered address: 101 Main St. Spell out in other cases. The school is located on Main Street. Other street designations, such as Lane, Circle, Court, etc. are spelled out no matter how they are used.

Spell out and capitalize first through ninth when used with street designations. *Fifth Ave.* Abbreviate compass directions when used with street number. *501 E. Main St.* See **2.25, 3.12** and **5.12.**

- 2.14 **administrator** Never abbreviate. See **3.100** and **4.27**.
- 2.15 **administrative assistant** Never abbreviate. See **3.100** and **4.27**.
- 2.16 **Amateur Athletic Union** Refer to as *AAU* on second reference. See **6.13**.
- 2.17 **Bible verses** Do not abbreviate individual books of the Bible. *Matthew* not *Matt* In biblical citations, use a colon and do not abbreviate. Use a hyphen for spans of verses. *John 3:16* or *1 Corinthians 13:4-9* See **3.23**. and **5.16**.
- 2.18 Christmas Do not use Xmas. Do not use Christmas to refer to school vacations that are not specific to Dec. 25. The vacation that begins in December is winter break or winter vacation, not Christmas break or Christmas vacation. See 3.27.
- 2.19 CHS The high school's name is CHS, not Carmel High School. Use "this school" or "here" in most references; do not use CHS unless clarification is necessary in context of use.
- 2.20 conferences Spell out the complete name of conference on first reference followed by abbreviation in parentheses; refer to by acronym on second reference. Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) See 2.12 and 6.20.

- 2.21 contractions Contractions reflect informal speech and writing. Webster's New World Dictionary includes many entries for contractions. Contractions listed in the dictionary are acceptable. Use an apostrophe in place of an omitted letter. See Punctuation Guide.
- 2.22 courses Spell out the full names of departments and classes on all references. See Course Names.
- 2.23 **days** Always spell out days of the week. *Monday* not *Mon*. See **5.18**.
- 2.24 **dimensions** Spell out full unit of measurement. *5 feet, 10 inches* Use the word *by* for measurements. *Her room measures 40 feet by 28 feet*. See **5.20**.
- 2.25 **directions** Points of a compass are abbreviated when used with a specific street address and a street number. 601 E. Court Ave. Do not abbreviate without use of a street number. East Court Avenue Do not capitalize directions unless in an address or as a proper name of a region. The North will rise again. See 2.13 and 3.44.
- 2.26 educational degrees In general, spell out master's degree, bachelor's degree and doctoral degree, but abbreviate without periods when used in a list that follows a person's name. English teacher Elizabeth Singleton, BA, MA, Butler University. See 3.35 and 4.27.
- 2.27 etc. The abbreviation for et cetera is etc., not ect. Avoid use in copy unless it's part of a direct quote.
- 2.28 **fort** Spell out when used to refer to a city or military installation. *Fort Wayne* not *Ft. Wayne*
- 2.29 **fractions** Spell out and hyphenate fractions of values less than one if the denominator is a single digit. *three-fourths, one-half, one-third* but 3/10. If a fraction is mixed with a whole number, follow the rules for reference to that whole number and link to fraction with *and*. *three and five-sixths, 12 and two-thirds*. When the amount is larger than one, convert to decimals whenever practical. Exception: If a fraction is part of a well known phrase, use as typically referenced. *Platform Nine and Three-Quarters* See **5.23**.
- 2.30 Greyhound Media Network GMN on second reference.
- 2.31 **Indiana Repertory Theatre** IRT on second reference.
- 2.32 **invitational** Invite is acceptable on second reference. See **3.55** and **6.31**.
- 2.33 **J. Everett Light Career Center** *J. Everett Light* on second reference, not *JEL*.
- 2.34 **measurements** Always spell out the following terms. *feet, yards, height, weight, etc.* See **5.24**.
- 2.35 money Use dollar sign for dollar amounts. \$5 not 5 dollars For monetary values under one million use numerals; spell out monetary values from one million and above. \$5.5 million Use the word cents to refer to values under \$1.45 cents not 45c or \$.45 See 5.25.

2.36 months Abbreviate months when they have more than five letters and are used with a specific date. Aug. 24 Do not abbreviate months used without dates. When a month is used with a date, the month's abbreviation should appear as follows.

January — Jan.	May — <i>May</i>	September — Sept.
February — <i>Feb</i> .	June — June	October — <i>Oct</i> .
March — March	July — <i>July</i>	November — <i>Nov</i> .
April — <i>April</i>	August — <i>Aug</i> .	December — Dec.

Note: 9/11 is the preferred term to use in describing the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. See **5.33**.

- 2.37 **mount** Spell out when used as the name of a school or city. *Mount Vernon* not *Mt. Vernon*
- 2.38 **percent** Percent is listed as the % symbol. 67% See **5.29**.
- 2.39 **personal names** For abbreviated names, place a space between the last period of the abbreviation and the next letter. *B.W. Stephenson*

Spell out names unless abbreviated version is in the namelist. The suffixes *Jr*. and *Sr*. follow a person's name, without a comma between the name and the suffix. *John Jones Jr*. Note that this refers to family relationship, not class identifications. The notation *II* or 2*nd* may be used if it is the individual's preference. Note, however, that *II* and 2*nd* are not necessarily the equivalent of *Ir*. or *Sr*. — they often are used

- that *II* and *2nd* are not necessarily the equivalent of *Jr.* or *Sr.* they often are used by a grandson or nephew. See **4.11**.
- 2.40 **provinces** Provinces in Canada and the Northwest Territories should be spelled out, even when they are used with names of a city. Names of provinces are set off from community names by commas, just as the names of U.S. states are set off from city names. They went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, on their vacation. See 3.80.
- 2.41 **radio stations** Radio stations are identified by call letters. Use *AM* or *FM* on first reference. *WFPQ-AM* or *WMYS-FM* Exception: *WHJE* See **3.82**.

2.42 **states** Abbreviate states when preceded by the name of a city. *Evanston, Ill.* When not associated with a city, spell out the full name of the state. Cities within Indiana, no matter their size, are not followed by *Ind.* Use parentheses to insert state abbreviations in proper names. *The Huntsville (Ala.) Times*

Consult the following list for proper state abbreviations.

Alabama — <i>Ala</i> .	Alaska — <i>Alaska</i>
Arizona — <i>Ariz</i> .	Arkansas — <i>Ark</i> .
California — <i>Calif</i> .	Colorado — <i>Colo.</i>
Connecticut — <i>Conn</i> .	Delaware — <i>Del.</i>
Florida — <i>Fla</i> .	
	Georgia — <i>Ga</i> .
Hawaii — <i>Hawaii</i>	Idaho <i>— Idaho</i>
Illinois — III.	Indiana — <i>Ind</i> .
Iowa — <i>Iowa</i>	Kansas — <i>Kan</i> .
Kentucky — <i>Ky</i> .	Louisiana — <i>La</i> .
Maine — Maine	Maryland — <i>Md</i> .
Massachusetts — Mass.	Michigan — <i>Mich</i> .
Minnesota — Minn.	Mississippi — Miss.
Missouri — Mo.	Montana — <i>Mont</i> .
Nebraska — <i>Neb</i> .	Nevada — <i>Nev</i> .
New Hampshire — N.H.	New Jersey — <i>N.J.</i>
New Mexico — <i>N.M.</i>	New York — <i>N.Y.</i>
North Carolina — N.C.	North Dakota — <i>N.D.</i>
Ohio — <i>Ohio</i>	Oklahoma — <i>Okla</i> .
Oregon — <i>Ore</i> .	Pennsylvania — <i>Pa</i> .
Rhode Island — R.I.	South Carolina — S.C.
South Dakota — S.D.	Tennessee — Tenn.
Texas — <i>Texas</i>	Utah — <i>Utah</i>
Vermont — Vt.	Virginia — <i>Va</i> .
Washington — Wash.	West Virginia — <i>W.Va</i> .
Wisconsin — Wis.	Wyoming — Wyo.

The following cities never need to be followed by their state. Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington D.C. Reference AP stylebook for full list. See **6.41** and **Punctuation Guide**.

- 2.43 **St. Vincent Carmel Hospital** *St. Vincent* on second reference. Do not use *St. Vincent's* because St. Vincent does not own the hospital.
- 2.44 television stations Television stations are identified by call letters. Television stations are identified by TV on first reference. WRTV-TV Exception: CHTV See 3.99.

2.45 **time of day** Use a colon only when the time does not fall on the hour. *He walked into the building at 10:30 a.m. and left at 1 p.m.* Use *a.m.* or *p.m.*; do not use *in the morning* or *in the evening* when referring to specific time. Do not use *12 a.m.* or *12 p.m.* Use *midnight* or *noon*. Do not use the term o' clock.

When referring to a span of time, use the word *to* in between the times, not a hyphen. Use *a.m.* or *p.m.* only after the second hour unless time spans noon or midnight. The game lasted from 6 to 10 p.m. or He said he partied from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. See **5.37**.

2.46 **titles** The following titles may be abbreviated as follows when they precede personal names:

Doctor — *Dr.* Governor — *Gov.*Representative — *Rep.* Reverend — *the Rev.*Senator (U.S. Government) — *Sen.*

However, spell out all of these terms when they follow names because they are no longer used as titles but as appositives. See **3.100** and **4.27**.

- 2.47 United Nations Spell out when used as a noun, but abbreviate as U.N. when used as an adjective. He is a member of the U.N. staff or He works for the United Nations. See 3.105.
- 2.48 United States Spell out when used as a noun, but abbreviate as U.S. when used as an adjective. He works for the U.S. Postal Service or She left the United States to visit England. See 3.106.
- 2.49 Writers and Readers' Advisory Panel Spell out on first reference. WRAP on second reference. See 2.12.

3.00: CAPITALIZATION

In general, avoid unnecessary capitalization. Capitalize the first word of a sentence, direct quotations, lines of poetry and musical lyrics. If there is no relevant listing in this manual for a particular word or phrase, consult Webster's New World Dictionary. Use lowercase if the dictionary lists it as an acceptable form for the sense in which the word is being used.

- 3.11 acts in plays Capitalize when in conjunction with numbers. Act 1, Scene 2 See 3.70.
- 3.12 addresses Spell out and capitalize first through ninth when used with street designations. Fifth Avenue. See 2.13 and 5.12.
- 3.13 **Advent** Capitalize when in reference to the period four weeks before Christmas.
- 3.14 al-Qaida The international terrorist organization which was headed by Osama bin Laden.
- 3.15 **athletic teams** Capitalize team nicknames. *Greyhounds, Reds, Panthers, Pacers* or *Colts*
- 3.16 AP courses Capitalize the names of all AP courses. AP Microeconomics See 5.14 and Course Names.
- 3.17 Appalachian Mountains
- 3.18 areas of CHS Areas of CHS are not capitalized unless a proper noun is part of the title.

Dale E. Graham AuditoriumEric Clark Activity CenterFreshman CenterGreyhound StationHartman FieldStudio Theater

Note: media center, not library; counseling, not guidance; student services, not deans' office; health center, not nurse's office

- 3.19 armed forces Do not capitalize the words armed forces. Capitalize the individual armed forces when in reference to the armed forces of the United States. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard
- 3.20 **awards** Capitalize the names of awards. *National Merit Finalist*
- 3.21 bar mitzvah The Jewish religious ritual and family celebration that marks a boy's 13th birthday. Some congregations have instituted the bas mitzvah or bat mitzvah, a similar ceremony for girls.
- 3.22 Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre
- 3.23 **Bible** Capitalize when used as the name of the book. Do not capitalize *biblical*. Do not capitalize when used in a non-religious sense. *This manual is your journalism bible*. *Old Testament* is a Christian designation; *Hebrew Bible* or *Jewish Bible* is the appropriate term for stories dealing with Judaism alone. See **2.17** and **5.16**.
- 3.24 **brand names** Capitalize brand names. *Gatorade*

- 3.25 Care to Share
- 3.26 chapters Capitalize chapter when used with numerals. Your reading assignment is Chapter 5. See 5.17.
- 3.27 Christmas Do not use Xmas. Do not use Christmas to refer to school vacations that are not specific to Dec. 25. The vacation that begins in December is winter break or winter vacation, not Christmas break or Christmas vacation. See 2.18.
- 3.28 **churches** Capitalize names of churches. Do not capitalize the word *church* itself. *Orchard Park Presbyterian Church* or *She went to church on Sunday morning*.
- 3.29 Circle Centre
- 3.30 **classes** Capitalize *class* in reference to a specific grade. *He is a member of the Junior Class* but *He is a junior*. Note that the class distinction is singular. *Freshman Class* not *Freshmen Class* When talking about classes in general, do not capitalize. *Each class competed in Homecoming competitions*.
- 3.31 Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University
- 3.32 colors Capitalize Blue Day and Gold Day. When they are both used do not capitalize days. Blue and Gold days Otherwise never capitalize colors. The school colors are blue and gold.
- 3.33 Commencement
- 3.34 Congress
- 3.341 Courses Use the Course Names guide at the end of this style manual to find capitalization rules for specific courses.
- 3.35 **degrees** Capitalize when used as abbreviations. *BA, EdD, PhD*. See **2.26** and **4.27**.
- 3.36 deities Capitalize God or Allah. Do not capitalize pronouns that refer to God. he not He See 3.84.
- 3.37 **departments** Capitalize departments of state and federal governments but do not capitalize school academic departments. *Department of Justice* or *social studies department* Exception: *English department*

If story content dictates a reference to the specific class, state department, name, then class. Communications teacher Brian Spilbeller, who advises WHJE, helped his students provide accurate and interesting commentaries to the community through the radio station. See **4.13** and **Course Names**.

- 3.38 Down syndrome
- 3.39 earth

- 3.40 **Easter** However, do not capitalize eggs in Easter eggs.
- 3.41 **educational institutions** Capitalize the names of educational institutions. *IU* or *Noblesville High School* Omit *high school, middle school, etc.* on second reference unless distinction is necessary, as with *Carmel Middle School*. When plural, do not capitalize *high schools, middle schools etc. Clay and Carmel middle schools*
- 3.42 **euro** The common currency of some of the European members.
- 3.43 **geographic regions** Capitalize geographic regions when used as nouns or when used as specific geographical areas. *He lives in the South*. See **2.25**.
- 3.44 **government documents** Capitalize government documents. *the Constitution* or *the Bill of Rights* Exception: When using *Constitution* as an adjective do not capitalize. *Students have constitutional rights*.
- 3.45 graduation Capitalize graduation events, but leave graduation lower case. Commencement
- 3.46 Greyhounds
- 3.47 Greyhound Greeter
- 3.48 ground zero
- 3.49 holidays Capitalize the names of holidays. Christmas, Passover or Hanukkah See Holidays and Holy Days.
- 3.50 Homecoming
- 3.51 Homework Hotline
- 3.52 Hounds
- 3.53 **honor roll** Do not capitalize *honor roll*. When she made the honor roll, she screamed with excitement.
- 3.54 Internet
- 3.55 **invitational** *Invitational* is capitalized when referencing a specific event. *The team competed in the Ben Davis Invitational*, but *The invitational was yesterday. Invite* is acceptable on second reference. See **2.32** and **6.31**.
- 3.56 **Ivy League** The following universities are Ivy League institutions: *Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania* and *Yale University*
- 3.57 Jehovah's Witnesses
- 3.58 kindergarten

3.59 Kings Island

3.60 Kleenex

3.61 languages Capitalize the proper names of languages and dialects. Aramaic, Cajun, English, Gullah

3.62 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

3.63 **magazine titles** Capitalize and italicize magazine titles. *Time, Newsweek* or *English Journal* See **Punctuation Guide**.

3.64 Midwest

3.65 Mother Nature

3.66 **movie titles** Place movie titles in quotation marks. "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Revenge of the Nerds — Teachers Strike Back." See Punctuation Guide.

3.67 Murat Centre

- 3.68 nationalities Capitalize nationalities only when used to denote a people or culture. Chinese, Korean, English or American
- 3.69 **newspapers** Capitalize and italicize newspaper titles, but use care with the word the often it is a part of the official title of the newspaper. The Indianapolis Star See **Punctuation Guide**.
- 3.70 **nouns** Capitalize proper nouns, but do not capitalize common nouns. Atlantic Ocean or ocean Capitalize the following words because they are registered trademarks:

DumpsterXeroxZiplocKleenexStyrofoamCokeScotch tapeJello

Capitalize nouns when followed by a number. *Figure 12, Volume 3, Chapter 7, Room A110* See **Section 5**.

3.71 Open House

- 3.72 organizations On first reference, capitalize the full names of organizations when their names include formal proper nouns. Carmel Clay Public Library but public library Some organizations and institutions are widely recognized by their abbreviations. Official names of organizations and internal elements of organizations, when they have names that are not widely used in generic terms, are capitalized. the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches See 2.11.
- 3.73 *Pathways* Place the word *Pathways* in italics.
- 3.74 **photocopy** Try not to use *Xerox* as a verb; use *photocopy*.

3.75 Photoshop

- 3.76 planets Capitalize the proper names of planets. Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Neptune, Saturn, Uranus, Venus Capitalize earth only when used as the proper name of our planet. The astronauts returned to Earth.
- 3.77 **political parties** Capitalize political parties. *Democrats* or *Republicans*

3.78 Presidents Day

- 3.79 **prom** The word *prom* is not capitalized. The prom takes place Saturday evening. Because underclassmen are admitted to the event, Junior-Senior Prom is an illogical reference.
- 3.80 provinces Provinces in Canada and the Northwest territories should be capitalized. The world province itself should not be capitalized. He went to the province of Ontario. See 2.40.
- 3.81 **Quran** *Quran* is the preferred spelling for the Muslim holy book. Use the spelling *Koran* only if preferred by a specific organization of in a specific title or name.
- 3.82 **radio stations** Radio stations are identified by call letters. Use *AM* or *FM* on first reference. *WFPQ-AM* or *WMYS-FM* Exception: *WHJE* See **2.41**.
- 3.83 religious affiliations Capitalize the names and the related terms applied to members of the religious orders. He is a member of the Society of Jesus. He is a Jesuit.
- 3.84 **religious references** Capitalize the proper names of monotheistic deities. *God, Allah, the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit, etc.* Lowercase pronouns referring to the deity. *he* not *He*

Lowercase gods in referring to the deities of polytheistic religions. Capitalize the proper names of pagan and mythological gods and goddesses. *Neptune, Thor, Venus, etc.* See **3.36**.

- 3.85 **Sabbath** Capitalize in religious references; lowercase to mean a period of rest.
- 3.86 **sacraments** Capitalize the proper names used for a sacramental rite that commemorates the life of Jesus Christ or signifies a belief in his presence. *The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, Holy Eucharist* Lowercase the names of other sacraments. *baptism, confirmation, penance, matrimony, holy orders and the sacrament of anointing the sick*
- 3.87 **scientific terms** Scientific terms are not capitalized. *classes, orders, families, genera of plants, and animals and insects*
- 3.88 **seasons** Do not capitalize seasons. *spring, summer, fall, winter*
- 3.89 **Senate** In relation to CHS, *Senate* is capitalized; *senator* is not. *The Senate was planning an event*. but *senator and senior Rob Fellows. Senator* is capitalized when referring to a member of the U.S. government.

3.90 Senior Night

- 3.91 Skip-a-Final
- 3.92 **Smoky Row** *Smoky Row* is the name of elementary school and area in western Carmel
- 3.93 **Smokey Row** *Smokey Row* is the name of the street and area just northeast of CHS
- 3.94 State of the Union Capitalize State of the Union only in reference to the president's annual address.
- 3.95 Studio One Acts
- 3.96 Styrofoam
- 3.97 Super Bowl
- 3.98 Taliban Extremist Islamic movement that ruled Afghanistan until driven out by U.S.-led coalition after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
- 3.99 **television stations** Television stations are identified by call letters. Television stations are identified by TV on first reference. *WRTV-TV* Exception: *CHTV* See **2.44**.
- 3.100 **titles** Always capitalize the following titles before names:

Administrative Assistant
Assistant Athletics Director
Assistant Coach
Athletics Director
Director of Bands
Head Coach
Principal
Senator
Superintendent

Titles are never capitalized if they do not precede name. See 2.14, 2.15, and 4.27.

- 3.101 **Top/top** Capitalize *top* when referring to a title. *She was in the Top 10*. Do not capitalize **top** when referring to rank. *The women's soccer team ranked among the top 5 in the nation*. See **6.46**.
- 3.102 tournaments The athletic tournaments Sectional, Regional, Semistate and State (or State Finals) are capitalized, as is the term Final Four when it refers to a team playing in the State Finals.

Note that Sectional is singular, not plural, as the teams can play in only one tournament at a time. Note, too, that Semistate is one word, not two or hyphenated. This also applies to tournaments outside of athletics such as debate or orchestra. See **6.53**.

3.103 tracks Tracks on CDs are capitalized and followed by numerals. Track 3, not Track three See 3.70.

- 3.105 **United Nations** Spell out when used as a noun, but abbreviate as *U.N.* when used as an adjective. *He is a member of the U.N. staff. He works for the United Nations.* See **2.47**.
- 3.106 United States Spell out when used as a noun, but abbreviate as U.S. when used as an adjective. He works for the U.S. Postal Service, which is a branch of the government of the United States. See 2.48.
- 3.107 Valentines Day
- 3.108 Veterans Day
- 3.109 Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center
- 3.110 web page
- **3.111 website**
- 3.112 World War I
- 3.113 World War II

4.00 IDENTIFICATION

Always use name list to ensure proper spelling of names. Identify sources in copy as follows:

4.11 abbreviated names Spell out names unless abbreviated version is in the namelist. For abbreviated names, place a space between the last period of the abbreviation and the next letter. B.W. Stephenson

The suffixes *Jr.* and *Sr.* follow a person's name, without a comma between the name and the term. *John Jones Jr.* Note that this refers to family relationship, not class identifications.

The notation *II* or *2nd* may be used if it is in the namelist or is an individual's preference. Note, however, that *II* and *2nd* are not necessarily the equivalent of *Jr*. or *Sr.* — they often are used by a grandson or nephew. See **2.39**.

- 4.12 abortion Identify an individual as anti-abortion instead of pro-life and use abortion rights instead of pro-abortion or pro-choice. Avoid abortionist, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions. Do not identify an individual by their beliefs unless the information is clearly pertinent to the story.
- 4.13 adults On first reference, identify adults by appropriate title, complete first name and last name. *Principal Tom Harmas* For second reference use last name only. Harmas

Identify teachers by department on first reference. social studies teacher Matthew Dillon See 3.37 and 3.53.

4.14 alumni Identify alumni of CHS by graduation year. Always place graduation year after name on first reference. Mark Herman '77 will speak to the classes.

Alumnus and alumni refer to a man and men, respectively. Alumna and alumnae refer to a woman and women, respectively. Alumni refers to a group of men and women.

- 4.15 **children** Avoid *kids* as a universal synonym for children, unless the tone of the story dictates less formal usage.
- 4.16 **dead names** A dead name refers to the birth name of a transgender person who has changed their name as part of their gender transition. Follow **4.22** (nicknames) in most cases. If dead name is not in the name list as a nickname or the person's legal name, see adviser for permission/advice.
- 4.17 disabled, handicapped, impaired In general, do not describe an individual as disabled or handicapped unless it is clearly pertinent to a story. If such a description must be used, make it clear what the handicap is and how much the person's physical or mental performance is affected. Do not use euphemisms such as mentally challenged or descriptions that connote pity, such as afflicted with or suffers from.
- 4.18 **family members** When family members are listed in the same story, use appropriate titles, complete first names and last names for first reference. *Ted DeVilbiss and senior Brad DeVilbiss* For second reference, use first names of students and honorific titles (such as *Mr., Mrs.* or *Ms.*) with last name for adults. *Mr. DeVilbiss and Brad*
- 4.19 **illegal immigrant** Do not use to describe those who have entered the country illegally. *Unauthorized migrant* is the preferred term, rather than *illegal immigrant*, *illegal alien* or *undocumented worker*.

4.20 **LGBTQ, LGBTQ+** Acceptable in all references for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, or lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning and/or queer. In quotations and the formal names of organizations and events, other forms such as LGBTQIA and other variations are also acceptable with the other letters in the acronym explained. "I" generally stands for intersex, and "A" can stand for allies (a person who is not LGBT but who actively supports the LGBT community), asexual (a person who doesn't experience sexual attraction) or both. The word *queer* can be considered a slur in many contexts, so limit use of the word to quotes and names of organizations, following rules for obscenities, profanities, vulgarities as appropriate. Note that sex, gender and sexual orientation are not synonymous. Do not identify by sexual orientation unless the information is clearly pertinent to the story.

Terms

LGBTQ or LGBTQ+ as an umbrella term

transgender, not transgendered, and not transsexual unless a person tells you they identify that way

transgender person/people not transgenders, transgender individual(s) or a transgender

cisgender or non-transgender people

Gender/gender identity refers to someone's identity and internal understanding and knowledge of themself. Everyone has a gender identity. Sex refers to someone's assignment at birth and includes intersex as well as man and woman. Do not refer to a transgender person's sex unless absolutely necessary.

Sexual orientation, not sexual preference

Ask people how they identify before labeling them by sexual orientation and, if necessary, ask for clarification as to what it means

Gay, gay person, lesbian, not homosexual

Gender expression refers to outward manifestations of gender including name, pronouns, clothes, haircut, etc.

Gender non-conforming refers to a person whose gender expression differs from conventional expectations of masculinity and femininity. Not synonymous with nonbinary or transgender

Pronouns, not preferred pronouns See 4.24.

Transgender men, not female-to-male or used to be a woman, and transgender women, not male-to-female

- 4.21 **marital status** Omit the use of marital status, such as *single*, *widowed*, *separated*, *etc.*, unless the information is clearly pertinent to the story.
- 4.22 nicknames For students, identify by nicknames found in namelist. If nickname is not listed but is student's recognizable name, place nickname in quotation marks. senior John "Jack" Smith
- 4.23 **Ph.D** The preferred form is to say a person holds a *doctorate* and name the individual's area of specialty. *Guest speaker Harry Potter, who holds a doctorate in the field of magic, talked to Biology I classes Tuesday*.
- 4.24 **pronouns** In most cases, a plural pronoun should agree in number with the antecedent: *The children love the books their uncle gave them.They/them/their* is acceptable in limited cases as a singular and-or gender-neutral pronoun, when alternative wording is overly awkward or clumsy. However, rewording usually is possible and always is preferable. Clarity is a top priority; gender-neutral use of a singular *they* is unfamiliar to many readers. Use of other gender-neutral pronouns such as *xe* or *ze* may only be used under certain circumstances. Check with the adviser for permission/advice.

Arguments for using *they/them* as a singular sometimes arise with an indefinite pronoun(anyone, everyone, someone) or unspecified/unknown gender (a person, the victim, the winner).

In stories about people who identify as neither male nor female or ask not to be referred to as *he/she/him/her*: Use the person's name in place of a pronoun, or otherwise reword the sentence, whenever possible. If *they/them/their* use is essential, explain in the text that the person prefers a gender-neutral pronoun. Be sure that the phrasing does not imply more than one person.

- 4.25 **race** Do not identify by race unless the information is clearly pertinent to the story.
- 4.26 **same names** When identifying students with the same name, identify with middle name on first reference between the first and last name. *Junior Kyle Philip Cheng and senior Kyle William Cheng share similar interests*. For second reference, identify individuals by middle names. *Philip and William have different hobbies*.

Students with the same last names should be identified by appropriate titles, complete first names and last names for first reference. For second reference, identify by first names.

4.27 **students** On first reference, refer to students by appropriate title, class, complete first name and last name. *Harry Potter, Key Club member and freshman* For second reference use last name only. *Potter* If student identifies himself or herself with a nickname/abbreviated name that is in the namelist, then use the abbreviated version for his or her first name. If no nickname is listed but most people know the student by the nickname, put that nickname in quotation marks between the first and last name on first reference: *senior Johnathan "Jack" Smith*.

When listing student names on first reference, list seniors in alphabetical order by last name, juniors in alphabetical order by last name, sophomores in alphabetical order by last name and freshmen in alphabetical order by last name, unless another logical order is present, such as places in a race. Use a semicolon to separate the groups, including a semicolon before the final and.

4.28 **titles** Use title on first reference that clearly identifies the individual's importance to the story. Senator and senior Katie Mitchell not senior Katie Mitchell Do not use a title on second reference. Do not identify with double titles. Dr. William H. Cosby not Dr. William H. Cosby, EdD

When more than grade level is used in a title, the grade is placed last. *Mike Phillips, editor in chief and senior* not *Mike Phillips, senior and editor in chief* Exception: speaker of the House should always precede the name. Do not identify by grade when other identification implies grade. student body president Katie Mitchel not Katie Mitchel, student body president and senior

In general, titles of three words or fewer should precede names with no commas: Senator and senior John Smith. Titles of four or more words (including "and") should follow names and be separated by commas: Joe Smith, chairperson of the Professional Development Committee.

Always capitalize the following titles before names:

Administrative Assistant Assistant Athletics Director
Assistant Coach Assistant Principal
Athletics Director Director of Bands
Head Coach Principal

Head Coach Principal
Senator Superintendent

Titles are never capitalized if they do not precede name. See **2.14**, **2.15**, **2.26** and **3.101**.

5.00: FIGURES & NUMBERS

In general, spell out numbers that have one digit; use numerals for numbers that have two or more digits up to 1 million. See **5.24.** Never begin a sentence or a headline with a numeral; always spell out the number as a word. Hyphenate numbers when used as adjectives.

- 5.11 **act numbers** Always use numerals and capitalize act. *Act 1, Scene 2* See **3.70**.
- 5.12 **addresses** Spell out and capitalize *first* through *ninth* as street names. *Fifth Avenue* Always use figures for an address number. *101 21st St.* See **2.13** and **3.12**.
- 5.13 ages Always use numerals in reference to age, even with single digits. His son was 7 years old. Hyphenate when used as a modifier before the object or when the entire phrase is used as a noun. She is a 33-year-old teacher. or The 4-year-olds are funny. See Punctuation Guide.
- 5.14 AP test scores Scores on AP tests range from 1 to 5. Always use numerals in reference to test scores. Use an apostrophe to make plural. Bates' class had 12 4's and 13 5's on the test. See 3.16 and Course Names.
- 5.15 **athletic classes** When referring to the classification of schools for sporting events, use the numeral and the capital letter *A. Carmel is in Class 6A*. See **6.21.**
- 5.16 **Bible verses** In biblical citations, use a colon and do not abbreviate. Use a hyphen for a span of verses. *John 3:16* or *1 Corinthians 13:4-9* See **2.17** and **3.24**.
- 5.17 chapters Use numerals to identify a chapter, even if number is a single digit. Never abbreviate chapter. Chapter 6 See 3.26.
- 5.18 dates Always use numerals. Never refer to a date using both the day of the week and date in the month. Abbreviate months when they have more than five letters and are used with a specific date. March 9 See 2.23.
- 5.19 **decimals** Use a period and numerals to indicate decimal amounts. Decimalization should not exceed two places unless there are special circumstances which require more precise identification. For amounts less than one percent, use the numeral 0 before the decimal point. 0.4, 8.34 See 2.29 and 5.23.
- 5.20 **dimensions** Always use numerals for dimensions. Spell out full units of measurement. 5 feet, 10 inches Hyphenate numerals when used as adjectives. He is a 6-foot, 2-inch guard on the basketball team. Use the word by for measurements. Her room measures 40 feet by 28 feet. See **2.24**.
- 5.21 distances Spell out distances if they are a single digit. Use numerals for digits of 10 or more. He runs six miles a day. Louisville is 112 miles from here.
- 5.22 **expressions** Spell out entire numbers in expressions if they are common in the English language. *Your chances of winning are one in a million*.

- 5.23 **fractions** Spell out and hyphenate fractions of values less than one if the denominator is a single digit. *three-fourths, one-half, one-third,* but 3/10 If a fraction is mixed with a whole number, follow the rules for reference to that whole number and link to fraction with *and. three and five-sixths, 12 and two-thirds.* When the amount is larger than one, convert to decimals whenever practical. Exception: If a fraction is part of a well known phrase, use as typically referenced. *Platform Nine and Three-Quarters* See **2.29** and **5.19**.
- 5.24 measurements Measurements used as adjectives are always numerals. When measurements are used as adjectives, place a hyphen between the numeral and unit of measurement. Sir Roger Bannister ran a 4-minute mile. When measurements are used as adverbs, follow normal style for the use of numerals. The rock fell five feet. See 2.34 and 6.37.
- 5.25 **millions, billions** Use numerals with million or billion. 6 billion, not 6,000,000,000 or six billion. Do not mix millions and billions in the same figure. 2.6 billion, not 2 billion 600 million
- 5.26 money Always use numerals for dollar amounts when talking about money. \$5, not \$5.00 Spell out quantities of money from one million and above. \$1 million or \$5.5 million Spell out the word cents for values less than \$1.40 cents, not 40¢ or \$.40 See 2.35.
- 5.27 ordinal numbers Always use numerals for ordinal numbers of two or more digits. second, 15th, 100th Do not use superscripts.
- 5.28 **pages** Always use numerals to identify page numbers, even when numbers are a single digit. **Page 6, Page 105** See **3.70**.
- 5.29 **percent** Use the % symbol. 6%, 55% See **2.38.**
- 5.30 **ranges of numbers** With the exception of sports scores, separate two numbers that designate a range of numbers with the word *to. In the election, she defeated her opponent 311 to 305.* See **Punctuation Guide**
- 5.31 **recipes** Always use numerals to identify a value in a recipe, even when numbers are a single digit. *2 cups of sugar*
- 5.32 **rooms** Capitalize room names when used with a number. *Potter went to Room C147*. Do not capitalize when used without a number or when plural. *Potter went to rooms C149 and E136*. Use numerals to identify room numbers, even when numbers are a single digit. *Page 6, Page 105* See **3.70**.
- 5.33 scores The winning score should always be listed first, even if the winning score is not by a CHS team or if the winning score is the lower number, such as with cross-country and golf.

Use hyphens for direct score comparisons. CHS beat Frankfort 77-50. or The women's golf team won 117-126. Use a comma to separate team and score. The final score was CHS 77, Frankfort 50.

List meet scores with commas to separate teams and scores and semicolons to separate teams from one another. CHS, 140; Noblesville, 37; Westfield, 23; Hamilton Heights, 12; and Hamilton Southeastern, 11. See **6.49**.

5.34 **Sept. 11, 2001** *9/11* is the preferred term to use in describing the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. See **2.36.**

- 5.35 **telephone numbers.** Always use numerals to identify telephone numbers. All numbers outside the 317 area code should include their non-317 code. *(502)* 582-6601
- 5.36 temperatures In stating Fahrenheit temperatures, use figures, not words, for all temperatures except zero. 32 degrees, 6 degrees, 8 degrees below zero. If temperatures are Celsius identify as such after the temperature value. 40 degrees Celsius. Temperatures rise and fall they do not get warmer or cooler.
- 5.37 **times in races** Identify times in races by minutes, seconds and tenths. 3:12.2 For times without minutes, still use a colon and period. He ran in the 100-meter dash in:10.9. For times that extend into hours, identify by hours, minutes, seconds and tenths. 1:34:22.56 See **6.51**.
- 5.38 **time of day** Use a colon only when the time does not fall on the hour. He walked into the building at 10:30 a.m. and left at 1 p.m. Use a.m. or p.m.; do not use in the morning or in the evening when referring to specific time. Do not use 12 a.m. or 12 p.m. Use midnight or noon. Do not use the term o' clock. See **2.45**.
- 5.39 **weights** Use numerals for weights, even if weights are a single digit. *The package weighs 9 ounces*. Hyphenate number and weight if used as an adjective. *She gave birth to an 8-pound, 4-ounce boy*. See **5.24** and **Punctuation Guide**
- 5.40 years Use 1930s or '30s, not 1930's or 30's. The apostrophe replaces the first two digits of a year. Exception: Class of '99 not Class of 1999 For members of the Class of 2000 use the entire four-digit year. See **Punctuation Guide**.

6.00 PROPER SPORTS STYLE

- 6.11 all-conference
- 6.12 all-State
- 6.13 **Amateur Athletic Union** Refer to as *AAU* on second reference. See **2.16**.
- 6.14 aquatic center
- 6.15 assistant coach Assistant coach is capitalized when it is placed before the name and not capitalized when placed afterward. See 4.27.
- 6.15.1 athletics department
- 6.16 athletics director The teacher who runs the sports program is the athletics director, not the athletic director. Athletics Director is capitalized when placed before the name and not capitalized when placed afterward. See 4.27.
- 6.17 **callout, call-out, call out** (allout is a noun; call-out is an adjective; and call out is a verb. "Welcome to the call-out meeting. We are at this callout to call out to all the people who might want to play rugby," Johnson said.
- 6.18 Carmel Dads Club Dads Club on second reference.
- 6.19 Carmel Ice Skadium
- 6.20 **conferences** Spell out the complete name of conferences on first reference, but refer to by acronym on second reference. *Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC)* See **2.20**.
- 6.21 **classes** When referring to the classification of schools for sporting events, use the numeral and the capital letter *A. 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A* and *1A* See **5.15**.
- 6.21.1 cross-country
- 6.22 **Division I** Do not hyphenate.
- 6.23 Eric Clark Activity Center
- 6.24 fieldhouse
- 6.25 head coach Head coach is capitalized when it is placed before the name and not capitalized when placed afterward. See 4.27.
- 6.26 Hounds
- 6.27 Icehounds

- 6.28 Ice Skadium
- 6.29 IHSAA IHSAA is acceptable on first reference of the Indiana High School Athletics Association See 2.11.
- 6.30 intramural
- 6.31 invitational Invitational is capitalized when referencing a specific event. The team competed in the Ben Davis Invitational, but The invitational was yesterday. Invite is acceptable on second reference. See 2.32 and 3.56.
- 6.32 **IU Natatorium** The name of the building in which swimming State Finals take place is the **IU Natatorium**, not the *IUPUI Natatorium*.
- 6.33 **Lady Hounds** Never use the term *Lady Hounds* in copy.
- 6.34 **line-up, line up** Hyphenate when used as a noun. *The coach thought the new line-up contributed to the improved performance.* Do not hyphenate when used as a verb. "Line up against the wall," Davis said.
- 6.35 long jump
- 6.36 **marching band** Do not use *Marching Greyhounds*.
- 6.37 **measurements** Spell out units of measurement. 6 feet, 4 inches, not 6-4 or 6'4". Hyphenate measurements when used as adjectives. a 6-foot, 4-inch player Measurements used as adverbs follow normal number style; measurements used as adjectives are always numerals. The water dropped four inches in the pool. The 4-inch worm slid along the sidewalk. See **2.34** and **5.25**.
- 6.38 **numbers** Use numerals and hyphens for statistical information used as adjectives. 2-point goal, 5-yard pass, 100-meter dash, 1,600-meter run, 200-individual medley See **Section 5**.
- 6.39 off-season
- 6.40 Olympics
- 6.41 out-of-state schools For identification of out-of-state schools, put the city first, then the state abbreviation in parentheses, then the school's name. Battle Creek (MI) Central; Louisville (KY) Ballard See 2.42.
- 6.42 pole vault
- 6.43 **pompom** A *pompom* is a large ball of crepe paper or fluffed cloth, often waved by cheerleaders or atop a hat. A *pom-pom* is sometimes used to describe a rapidfiring automatic weapon.
- 6.44 **positions** Spell outfull names of positions. *guard*, not *G* Refer to class identification after the player's position. *guard and junior Joe Smith*, not *junior guard Joe Smith* See **Section 4**.
- 6.45 post-season

- 6.46 **ranks** Hyphenate and capitalize ranks when used as adjectives. *Number-3 singles player, Number-1 doubles team.* Do not capitalize top in reference to rank. *Carmel ranks in the top 10 teams in the nation.* See **3.101**.
- 6.47 **records** Separate records with hyphens, and numbers in order in wins, losses, ties. 7-1-1
- 6.48 **relay teams** Identify relay teams by the number of individuals participating in the event and the length of the event. Separate the two values by a lowercase x with a space on either side of the letter. *The 4 x 800 team set a new record*.
- 6.49 scores The winning score should always be listed first, even if the winning score is not by a CHS team or if the winning score is the lower number, such as in cross-country and golf. Use hyphens for direct score comparisons. CHS beat Frankfort 77-50 or The women's golf team won 117-126. Use a comma to separate a team and a score. The final score was CHS 77, Frankfort 50.

List meet scores with commas to separate teams and scores, and semicolons to separate teams from one another. CHS, 140; Noblesville, 37; Westfield, 23; Hamilton Heights, 12; and Hamilton Southeastern, 11.

With tennis scores, include the scores of all tie breakers in parenthesis. 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) See **5.32**.

6.50 **teams** When referring to the varsity team, note that neither varsity nor team is capitalized. For first reference, *junior varsity* should be used. For second reference *JV* should be used. Reference to teams is singular. *freshman team*, not *freshmen team*

Use the terms *men's* and *women's* when referring to sports teams, not *boys'* and *girls.'* Note the placement of the apostrophe. See **Sports Teams**.

- 6.51 times in races Identify times in races by minutes, seconds and tenths. 3:12.2 For times without minutes, still use a colon and period. He ran in the 100-meter dash in :10.9. For times that extend into hours, identify by hours, minutes, seconds and tenths. 1:34:22.56 See 5.36.
- 6.52 tip-off
- 6.53 tournaments Tournament names are capitalized (Sectional, Regional, Semistate, State or State Finals). Note that the tournament name is singular, not plural. The word tournament is not capitalized. the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) tournament, not the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) Tournament See 3.102.
- 6.54 **tryout, try-out, try out** Tryout is a noun; try-out is an adjective; and try out is a verb. "Welcome to the try-out meeting. At this tryout we will try out some new rules, so listen carefully," Johnson said.
- 6.55 varsity gymnasium
- 6.56 wrestle-offs

PUNCTUATION GUIDE

ampersand (&) Use only when it is part of an official name. Quill & Scroll

apostrophe (')

Use an apostrophe for the following:

CONTRACTIONS

Contractions reflect informal speech and writing. Webster's New World Dictionary Includes many entries for contractions. Avoid excessive use of contractions. Contractions listed it the dictionary are acceptable, however, in informal contexts where they reflect the way a phrase commonly appears in speech or writing.

PLURALS OF ONE CHARACTER NOUNS

He scored 4's and 5's on his AP tests. He earned six A's.

POSSESSION

Tom borrowed Mary's book. To indicate possession of a plural noun which ends in the letter s, place an apostrophe at the end of the word. The students' lockers will be cleaned. For specialized singular possession — singular nouns that end with an s or z sound — add the apostrophe and an s for words of only one syllable and for words of more than one syllable spell the word out the way it sounds. the bus's schedule, Willis's class, Moses' trip to the mountains Use apostrophe s only for the second or last listing when indicating joint possession. John and Bob's sister is named Janet.

YEAR IDENTIFICATION

Use 1930s or '30s, not 1930's or 30's. The apostrophe replaces the first two digits of a year. Exception: Class of '99 not Class of 1999 For members of the Class of 2000 use the entire four-digit year.

Do not an apostrophe for the following:

PLURAL WORDS

GPAs, dogs

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

hers, yours, its

colon (:) Place colons outside end-quote marks unless they are part of the quotation itself. Do not combine a dash and a colon. Capitalize the first word after a colon only if it is a proper noun or the start of a complete sentence. He promised this: The company will make good all losses.

Use a colon for the following:

CITATIONS FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 2:14, Genesis 1:22

EMPHASIS

The colon often can be effective in giving emphasis. *One goal remained: to win a championship.*

FORMAL OUOTES

Formal quotations, statements, summaries, listings and debate topics are introduced with a colon. *Lincoln rose and spoke: "Four score and seven years ago..."* Use a comma to introduce quotations of less significance.

LISTS

Use when listing a series of items without a linking verb. He called off the members of the group: Ahearn, Hallett and Mader.

TIME

Use a colon only when the time does not fall on the hour. 7:45 a.m. not 8:00 p.m. O AND A

The colon is used for question and answer interviews. *Q: Did you strike him? A: Indeed I did.*

Do not use a colon for the following:

AFTER A LINKING VERB

The following sentence is incorrect. The members of the team were: Ahearn, Hallett and Mader.

comma (,) Place commas inside end-quote marks.

Use a comma for the following:

ADDRESSES

Place a comma between street and rest of address, but not between the city, state and zip code. 501 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel IN 46033

BEFORE ATTRIBUTION OF A QUOTE

Use a comma instead of a period at the end of a quote that is followed by attribution. "The team needs to work on its defensive rotations," he said. Do not use a comma if the quote ends with a question mark.

INTRODUCING DIRECT QUOTES

Use a comma to introduce a complete one-sentence quotation within a paragraph. He said, "The team needs to work on its defensive rotations." Use a colon to introduce quotations of more significance.

IN A SERIES

Use commas to separate elements in a series, but do not put a comma before the conjunction in a simple series. However, if an integral element of the series requires a conjunction, put a comma before the conjunction in a simple series. He went to social studies, English and German. The girl's favorite characters were Big Bird, the Count, and Bert and Ernie. Use a comma before the concluding conjunction in a complex series of phrases. They didn't know how much sugar to put in, how quickly to stir, or how long to put it in the oven.

IN DIRECT ADDRESS

"And so I said, 'Coach, why can't I start?' He didn't reply," he said.

NUMBERS

Use commas to separate numbers with more than three digits. 3,000 not 3000 WITH CITY OR STATE AND COUNTRY NAMES

He took a trip to Peoria, IL. Later he flew to Numbering, Germany. Use parentheses, however, if a state name is inserted within a proper name. The Huntsville (AL) Times

WITH CONJUNCTIONS

Use a comma with a conjunction to separate two independent clauses. Do not use a comma to separate a compound subject or a compound verb unless necessary for clarity.

WITH EQUAL ADJECTIVES

Use commas to separate a series of adjectives equal in rank. If the commas could be replaced by the word and without changing the sense, the adjectives are equal. He smiled at the big, white dog.

WITH INTERJECTIONS

"Yes, we should have taken the opportunity to do that," he said. "Gee, I hate that child."

WITH INTRODUCTORY CLAUSES AND PHRASES

A comma is used to separate an introductory clause or phrase from the main clause. When he received the poor grade on the test, he was furious. The comma may be omitted after short introductory phrases if no ambiguity would result. In August he ran cross-country. On the street beside the finish line, the fans gathered.

WITH NONESSENTIAL PHRASES AND CLAUSES

Use commas to set off a phrase or clause that would not change the basic meaning of the sentence. Fischer, who lived in the former East Germany, said she thinks American English is different from British English.

Do not use a comma for the following:

AT THE START OF AN INDIRECT OR PARTIAL OUOTATION

He said the victory put him "firmly on the road to a first-ballot nomination." WHEN ONE OF THE LAST ADJECTIVES BEFORE THE NOUN OUTRANKS ITS PREDECESSORS Do not use a comma because it is an integral element of the noun phrase. She wore a cheap fur coat. (Fur coat is the noun phrase.)

 $\operatorname{dash}(-)$ Do not place a space on both sides of a dash. On the Mac, the long dash (called an em-dash) is created by holding down the hyphen, option and shift keys at the same time. Use a dash for the following:

ATTRIBUTION

Use a dash before an author's or composer's name at the end of a quotation. "Who steals my purse steals trash."—William Shakespeare.

ABRUPT CHANGE

He thought about the upcoming test—the hardest of the semester—and shuddered.

SERIES WITHIN A PHRASE

When a phrase usually set apart by commas contains a series, set the phrase off with dashes. He wrote down the people on his team—Tim, Kyle and Miles—and called them on the phone.

ellipse (...) In general, treat an ellipsis as a three-letter word, constructed with three periods and two spaces as shown here. Use an ellipsis to indicate the deletion of one or more words in condensing quotes, texts and documents. Be particularly careful to avoid deletions that would distort the meaning. In journalistic writing, do not use an ellipse in a direct quote, instead insert attribution in place of the desired ellipse. Use an ellipse and a fourth period for elliptical material that ends a complete sentence. If the words that precede an ellipsis constitute a grammatically complete sentence, either in the original or in the condensation, place a period at the end of the last word before the ellipsis. Follow it with a regular space and an ellipsis. *I no longer have a strong enough political base.* ... *I am dropping out of the election.*

hyphen (-)

Use a hyphen for the following:

COMPOUND MODIFIERS

As a rule, hyphenate any two-word adjective. full-time job, well-known man

IN-I AWS

In-laws are hyphenated. mother-in-law

NUMERALS

Hyphenate numbers used as adjectives. 10-foot pole Use a hyphen to connect a word that ends with the letter y. twenty-one Hyphenate measurements used as adjectives. two-gallon bucket

SUSPENSIVE HYPHENATION

He received a 10- to 20-year sentence in prison.

TO AVOID AMBIGUITY

Use a hyphen whenever ambiguity would result if it were omitted. He recovered his health. He re-covered the leaky roof.

Do not use a hyphen for the following:

CARMEL CLAY

The school system is Carmel Clay.

NUMERALS

Do not use the hyphen to write out figures as words above ninety-nine. *two hundred and four* Do not use a hyphen to separate figures in odds, ratios, scores and vote tabulations. *Mary won the election 45 to 23*. See **Section 5**.

italics

Use italics for the following:

PLAY SCRIPT

The title of a play script should be italicized. However, when referring to the title of a play, the name should be in quotes.

TITLES OF ANY PRINTED OR PUBLISHED MATERIAL

This includes books, magazine titles (but not the name of individual magazine articles) and newspaper titles.

parentheses () If the entire sentence is enclosed, the period or other punctuation mark goes within the last parenthesis. If only part of the sentence is parenthetical, the punctuation mark must be placed outside the parentheses. *His reaction was typical.* (*He kicked and screamed.*) *He asked the work from the committees* (*social and decorations*). Use parentheses for the following:

ACRONYMS

Use parentheses only when the acronym is used later in the copy. Otherwise do not introduce it. *The team won the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) championship*.

WITHIN OUOTATIONS

Use parentheses to insert items into a direct quote that the speaker did not say but that the reader may need to understand that quote or to replace pronouns. "(His parents) treat me fairly," Young said. not "They (his parents) treat me fairly," Young said.

WITHIN PROPER NAMES

Use parentheses if a state name or similar information is inserted within a proper name. *The Huntsville (AL) Times*.

period (.) Place periods inside end-quote marks. Place only one space after a period. Use a period for the following:

END OF ABBREVIATIONS

Do not use periods for abbreviations unless otherwise specified or with a two letter abbreviation. Exception: There are no periods if said abbreviation is *AP* or *EU*. Use a period for abbreviating months. *Nov.* 12.

END OF A NON-QUESTION SENTENCE

The dog is brown.

END OF SOME RHETORICAL QUESTIONS

Use a period instead of a question mark when the question is more a suggestion. "Why don't we go bowling. It'll be fun," Potter said.

INITIALS

John F. Kennedy, T. S. Eliot

IN DECIMALS

He had a 3.5 GPA.

SUMMARY FORM

1. Math 2. Science 3. English

question mark (?) Use a question mark inside end-quote marks only if it is part of the quoted material. Use at the end of an interrogative statement. The question mark supersedes the comma that normally is used when supplying attribution for a quotation. If quoted material ends with a question, use a question mark rather than a comma at the end. "Who failed the test?" Potter said.

quotation marks ("") Insert commas, periods and dashes inside quotation marks. Question marks and exclamation marks should be put inside quotation marks if they are part of quoted material. Colons and semicolons appear outside quotation marks. To make the first curved double quotation mark, press option and open bracket. To end the curved double quote mark, press option, shift and bracket.

Use quotation marks for the following:

DIRECT QUOTATIONS

Use quotation marks to surround the exact words of a speaker or writer when reported in a story. "I have no intention of staying," he said. "I hope that someone does."

IN 15 MINUTES OF FAME

Use quotation marks as if the questions and responses were normal copy.

IRONY

Put quotation marks around a word or words used in an ironical sense. *The "classroom" was actually his living room.*

NON-PRINTED MATERIAL

Place quotation marks around the names of broadcast programs, movies, songs, titled speeches, television programs, computer games, video games, works of art, CD titles or play performances when performed on stage.

RUNNING QUOTATIONS

If a full paragraph of quoted material is followed by a paragraph that continues the quotation, do not put close-quote marks at the end of the first paragraph. Do, however, put open-quote marks at the start of the second paragraph.

SINGLE OUOTES

Use single quotes for quotations within quotations and quoted material in headlines.

UNFAMILIAR TERMS

On first reference, an unfamiliar word or phrase should be placed in quotation marks.

semicolon (;) Place semicolons outside end-quote marks.

Use a semicolon for the following:

INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

Use a semicolon to join two independent clauses not separated by a conjunction. Consider this shirt; it may fit you better. Use a semicolon to join two independent clauses with transitional connectives. The money is mine; therefore, I will spend it as I so chose.

SERIES

Also use a semicolon to separate elements of a series when individual elements contain commas. *The participants were the green team of Amber, Jennifer and Kim; the orange team of Abby, Katie and Kristen; and the black team of Chris, Danny and Mayank*. Note: Use a semicolon before the final *and*.

SPELLING GUIDE

Consult latest edition of Webster's Dictionary and use first reference of preferred spelling unless otherwise listed here. For conflicts between Webster's and these listings, consult Associated Press style manual.

absence

accept (To *accept* is to receive. Do not confuse with *except*.)

accommodate

ad-lib adviser advisory aesthetic

affect (To *affect* is to influence. *Affect* is almost always used as a verb.)

afterward African-American

airline all-America all-American all-State

all right (*All right* is two words. There is no such word as *alright*.)

alma mater

amid (Never use amidst.)

arctic assistance athletics

a lot (A lot is two words. There is no such word as alot.)

barbecue (Never use *barbeque*, *BBQ* or *Bar-B-O*.)

believe blond baby sitter bookkeeper box office box score

canceled

Carmel Clay (Not Carmel-Clay.)

car pool catalog child care Circle Centre closed-captioning

coed
compose
comprise
conscience
conscious
cooperate
coordinate
copyreader
council
counselor
cross-country
curriculum

daylight-saving time (Never use

daylight-savings time.)

defense definite dialogue director

disk (*Disk* is used when referring to

computers.)

disc (Disc is used when referring to CDs.)

doubleheader doughnut

eighth email

effect (*Effect* is the result of something.)

embarrass

Eric Clark Activity Center

except (Except is to exclude.)

existence extracurricular ex-champion

fairgrounds fallout familiar fieldhouse field goal forth forty freestyle freshman freshmen forward fullback fund-raiser

Girl Scouts goodbye good will grammar Greyhound Kickoff

guard

fund-raising

handbook halftime half-hour head-on HiLite hitchhiker homemade home page honor roll hooky incidentally

Indiana Repertory Theatre International Baccalaureate

Internet intramural its (Its is possessive.) it's (It's is it is.)

judgment

keychain kickoff kidnapped Kids' Corner Kings Island

laboratory

lose (*Lose* mean to misplace.) **loose** (*Loose* means not tight.)

makeup (*Makeup* is a noun.) make-up (*Make-up* is an adjective.) make up (*Make up* is a verb.)

marijuana

mid-50s, mid-40s, etc.

mile relay mother-in-law, etc. Mother Nature

narrow-minded

occasion
occurred
occurrence
offline
off-site
OK
old-timer
on-air
on air
online
Open House
outfield

Pathways personal foul Pinnacle

poll (A *poll* is a type of survey.)

pole pompom precede president-elect preseason

principal (A *principal* is a school leader.) **principle** (A *principle* is a rule or standard.)

privilege proceed proofread post office protester real-life (Real-life is used as adjective.)

receive recommend referee restrooms rhythm rock 'n' roll runner-up

schedule

secretary-treasurer

shortstop shot put

sign-up (*Sign-up* is an adjective.) **sign up** (*Sign up* is a verb.)

sophomore so-called spaceship sponsor Studio Theater supersede superintendent

T-shirt textbook

theater (Use this spelling unless the proper name is *theatre*.)

tip-off traveled traveling TV toward

un-American

vice president V-neck

website web page well-known work force workout workplace

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Academic Decathlon Academic Superbowl Adopt-a-School Club All for a Cure Anime Club Art Club Art Club

AVID
Baking a Difference
Best Buddies
Big Game
Brain Game
Cabinet

Cases for Places
Carmel Connects Club

Charisma Chemistry Club Chess Club

Chinese National Honor Society CHTV

Club Med Comedy Sportz Computation Club Creative Writing Club

CRU
debate team
DECA
Design for CHS
Do Something Club
Economics Club

Family, Career & Community Leaders of

America (FCCLA)
Fantasy Sports Club
Film Club
French Club
French Honor Society

Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)

German Club German Honor Society Gift of Water GKOM GKOM Council Global Giving Greyhound Connection

Greyhound Connections Greyhound Sound Hip Hop Club House

Indian Student Alliance (ISA)

intramural board

Japanese Exchange Program

K-8 Mentors
Kenya Club
Key Club
Kids' Korner
Latin Club
Latin Honor Society
LifeLines
Living Hope Club
Math Club

Muslim Student Association (MSA) National Honor Society (NHS)

Philosophy Club Planetarium Club Politics Club Project Sunshine Quill & Scroll Recycling Club Relay for Life Rising Stars

Open Mic Club

Mock Trial

Model U.N.

Rotary Interact Club Science Bowl Science Olympiad Senate

Sew Unique Club Share the Music Spanish Club Spanish Honor Society speech team

Student Tutor Connection (STC)

Swing Dance Club TechHOUNDS TEDx

Teens for Life Club Teens with a Choice UNICEF Club Venture Club

Vocational Industrial Club of America

(VICA)
WHJE
Wild Bunch
wind ensemble
winter drum line
Young Life
Yo Yo Club

SPORTS TEAMS

Charisma
color guard
Coquettes
fall cheerleading
football
hockey
lacrosse
marching band
men's basketball
men's cross-country

baseball

men's golf men's soccer men's swimming and diving

men's tennis men's track men's volleyball rugby softball volleyball

winter cheerleading winter intramurals women's basketball women's cross-country

women's golf women's soccer

women's swimming and diving

women's tennis women's track wrestling

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

Christmas
Columbus Day
Easter
Eid
Father's Day
Groundhog Day
Halloween
Hanukkah
Independence Day
Inauguration Day
Labor Day
Mardi Gras

Ash Wednesday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Memorial Day Mother's Day New Year's Day New Year's Eve Passover Presidents Day Purim Rosh Hashana Shavot St. Patrick's Day Sukkot Thanksgiving Valentines Day Veterans Day Yom Kippur

COURSE NAMES

advanced 2-D art AP Art History AP Studio Art (2-D Design) AP Studio Art (3-D Design) AP Studio Art (Drawing) **Art History** Ceramics 1 Ceramics 2 Ceramics 3

Ceramics 5-6 Digital Design 1-2 Digital Design 3-4 Digital Photography 1

Ceramics 4

Digital Photography 2

Drawing 1-2 Drawing 3-4 Drawing 5-6

Fiber Arts 1 Fiber Arts 2

IB Visual Arts

independent study 2-D art independent study ceramics independent study photograpy introduction to 2-D art

introduction to 3-D art Jewelry 1-2 Jewelry 3-4 Painting 1-2 Photography 1 Photography 2

Business

Accounting I Accounting II **AP Computer Science** business cooperative experiences business law and ethics computer illustration and graphics Computer Programming I Computer Programming II computer tech support fashion merchandising global economics **IB** Business and Management **IB Computer Science** independent study computer programming independent study computer tech support Information, Communication and Technology 1 Information, Communication and Technology 2 Introduction to Business 1 Introduction to Business 2 personal financial responsibility

principles of business management

principles of marketing professional career internship strategic marketing web design

Communications

independent study digital

photojournalism Newspaper 1-2 Newspaper 3-4/5-6/7-8 Radio 1-2 Radio 3-4 Radio 5-6/7-8 Television 1-2 Television 3-4 Television 5-6/7-8 trends in media Visual Journalism 1 Visual Journalism 2 Yearbook 1-2 Yearbook 3-4/5-6/7-8

Engineering and Technology civil engineering and architecture

digital electronics introduction to construction Introduction to Design Processes 1 Introduction to Design Processes 2 introduction to engineering design (PLTW) introduction to engineering design (non-PLTW) introduction to manufacturing introduction to transportation principles of engineering 1-2 technology systems

English

English 11

advanced composition Advanced Speech and Communication 3 Advanced Speech and Communication 4 American literature **AP Capstone Seminar** AP Capstone Research AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition AP English Literature and Composition / AP U.S. History block (AP Block) biblical literature classical literature creative writing Debate 1 Debate 2 Debate 3-4 developmental reading English 9 English 10

English 11 / U.S. history block English as a New Language I English as a New Language II English as a New Language III **English literature** etymology **IB** English honors English 9 honors English 9 / world history block honors English 10 L202 language arts lab literary movements speech W131

Family and Consumer Science adult roles and responsibilities advanced child development baking child development **Culinary Arts and Hospitality** Management 1 **Culinary Arts and Hospitality** Management 2 education professions Fashion and Textiles Careers I-1,2 Fashion and Textiles Careers I-3,4 Fashion and Textiles Careers II human development and wellness interpersonal relations introduction to culinary arts and hospitality Kids' Corner management Introduction to Fashion and Textiles 1 Introduction to Fashion and Textiles 2 introduction to housing and interior design nutrition and fitness orientation to foods preparing for college and careers regional American and foreign foods Work-Based Learning: Family and **Consumer Science**

Math

Algebra I Algebra II algebra enrichment AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC **AP Statistics** calculus survey finite mathematics geometry honors Algebra II honors geometry honors precalculus/trigonometry

IB Mathematical Studies IB Mathematics IB Multivariable Calculus intermediate precalculus/trigonometry pre-IB precalculus precalculus/trigonometry

Performing Arts

Accents advanced acting advanced class piano advanced technical theatre advanced theatre arts advanced theatre design advanced theatre management Allegro Ambassadors applied music (jazz improvisation) applied music (musical arts) beginning class piano **Concert Band** Camerata Orchestra Concert Orchestra Blue and Gold Company Counterpoints dance performance Descants electronic music **Encores IB Music** intermediate class piano Jazz Ensemble I Jazz Ensemble II Jazz Ensemble III Jazz Ensemble IV marching band music theory **New Edition** Philharmonic Orchestra Select Sound Sinfonia Orchestra Symphony Orchestra technical theatre theatre arts theatre production Wind Symphony I Wind Symphony II Wind Symphony III Wind Symphony IV

Physical Education

adaptive physical education aquatic fitness and sports advanced physical conditioning cardiovascular development current health issues health and wellness education lifeguard certification lifetime fitness

modern fitness physical conditioning Physical Education I Physical Education II Physical Education II (alternative)

Physical Education I (are market Physical Education I (summer) Physical Education II (summer) Sports Medicine 1

Sports Medicine 2

Science

AP Biology AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Physics C astronomy Biology I Chemistry I botany

earth and space science honors Biology I honors Chemistry I

human anatomy and physiology

human genetics IB Biology IB Physics

independent study science research integrated chemistry/physics

introduction to organic and biochemistry materials chemistry

meteorology physical geology Physics I

pre-IB honors Biology I pre-IB honors Chemistry I

principles of biomedical science (PLTW) zoology

Social Studies

ACP U.S. History

AP Comparative Government and Politics

AP European History AP Human Geography

AP Literature and Composition / AP U.S.

History block
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology

AP U.S. Government and Politics

AP U.S. History AP World History economics

English 11 / U.S. history block geography/history of the world honors English 9 / world history block IB History of the Americas 1-2 IB History of the Americas 3-4

IB Psychology

international relations law education psychology sociology U.S. government U.S. history world history

Special Programs

AVID basic skills K-8 Mentoring

Peer Facilitation/Special Needs 1-2 Peer Facilitation/Special Needs 3-4 Peer Facilitation/Special Needs 5-6 peer tutoring (Algebra I or geometry

classroom)
peer tutoring (SRT)
peer mediating

senior teacher assistant team

World Language

American Sigh Language I (ASL) American Sign Language II (ASL) AP French Language

AP German Language AP Latin

AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature Chinese I Chinese II Chinese IV French I French II French IV French V German I German III German IV German V

German V
Hebrew I
Hebrew II
Japanese I
Japanese III
Japanese IV
Japanese V
Latin I
Latin II
Latin IV

Latin IV
Latin VI
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Spanish V

SCHOOL EVENTS

Activities Night
Bandcoming
Carmel Idol
CCEF Telethon
"College Go" week
College Information Night
D4 senior recital
Dance Marathon
fashion show

final exam survival kit sales

Financial Aid Night Greyhound Kick-Off Holiday Spectacular Homecoming Houndstock Jazz a la Mode open house Penny Wars prom

Pre-Winter Break Awareness Week

Pre-Prom Awareness Week Red Ribbon Week Rising Star hayride Smoothie Smashdown spring musical Studio One Acts Tailgate for Life talent show

Valentine carnation sales