

**Martha B. King Middle School - Yearbook / Journalism  
Student Application and Parent Approval Form**

The purpose of our yearbook is to be a historical record of the school year, to provide a sense of pride among students and staff, to serve as a community awareness, and to serve as a public relations tool.

Congratulations! You are applying to be a yearbook staff member for 2020-2021 school year. Being a staffer means added responsibilities, as described below. By signing up to be a staff member, you have agreed to these responsibilities. You should discuss these responsibilities with your parent(s) as well.

- I agree to complete my assigned work well and on time.
- I understand it is necessary to work on pages after school and at home to meet deadlines.
- I understand I may be assigned to help others with their work in order to meet deadlines.
- I agree to participate in yearbook fund-raising activities such as picture days that will require me to miss other classes, but I agree to never take advantage of my position on staff for ill gain.
- I am willing to cover events that take place outside of school, on my own time.
- I am able to get transportation for covering events outside school, on my time.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade you are in (circle one)                      6<sup>th</sup>    7<sup>th</sup>

GPA (grade point average) on your last report card \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive a “3” or “4” in conduct on your last report card?                      **Yes**      **No**

How do you get home? (circle one)    Bus    Walk    Parent/Guardian      Ride from friend

Who will pick you up after events or meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Yearbook class?

What interests you the most about Yearbook class?

- *Please email or print out exactly FIVE photographs you have taken for the given themes. This is a required portion of the application process. See the photography rubric at [order-yearbook.weebly.com](http://order-yearbook.weebly.com)*
- *Please cut the recommendation sheet (page 3) in half and give them to two of your teachers for comments. THEY will turn them into Mr. McArthur’s mailbox. Thank you*

**\*\*You and Your Parent Must Read, Date, and Sign\*\***

Dear Parent:

Your child has started the application process to join the Yearbook/Journalism class at King Middle School. Students have the opportunity to acquire Journalistic skills that will not only help them academically but also develop a special skill set that will help their future educational placement. With this incredible, unique opportunity comes great responsibility and high expectations.

There are a limited number of positions for this class; not everyone who applies will be accepted.

It is our hope that your child has already spoken with you about this opportunity and its concomitant responsibilities, including the time commitment involved. The Yearbook guide states, "High professional standards are expected, work time outside of class (after school time at special events) is mandatory, and the ability to meet deadlines is a must." Time frames for staff meetings will be discussed based on deadlines and/or upcoming school events. The establishment of the Yearbook is a rigorous process.

This form is a required portion of your child's application packet for the Yearbook. If you support your child's decision to apply for this enrichment, please sign and date below.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important process, which helps make Yearbook a high-quality experience for the students involved as well as for the entire staff and student body at King Middle School.

Sincerely,

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**Parent/Guardian Certification**

I am aware that my child is seeking a position on the Yearbook Enrichment Program. We have discussed the time commitment involved in this year long enrichment and understand that it will require some after-school work at special events. I support my child's decision to apply for this position.

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Student signature

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Date

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Parent/ Guardian signature

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Date

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Contact info: Phone #

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Email

### Yearbook teacher recommendation form

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Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

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	5	4	3	2	1
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<b>Needs Improvement</b>					
<b>Attendance</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Professionalism</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Academics</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Conduct</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Innovativeness</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Initiative</b>	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Team Player</b>	5	4	3	2	1

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