

La Mesa Junior High School

VIDEO PRODUCTION APPLICATION 2018-2019

The La Mesa Video Production program is open to both seventh and eighth grade students (this is the application for next year's seventh graders only). If you are chosen, Video Production would be your elective class. A limited number of students will be selected from a competitive application process.

We are looking for detail-oriented and responsible students who have a positive work ethic.

This application is due no later than Thursday, May 3, 2018. You must submit this application in person to Mr. Jacobson, personally, or send to

VIDEO PRODUCTION SELECTION,
c/o MR. JACOBSON, 26623 MAY WAY,
SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91351.

Late applications will not be considered.

Please read each of the following statements. Your initials after each one indicate that you understand and agree to that statement:

1. All members must uphold the high standards of La Mesa and represent the school with dignity, pride, and integrity. Video Production students are given a great deal of responsibility, and are both leaders and role models. I understand that any student not maintaining high personal, academic, and behavioral standards both on and off campus may forfeit his/her position. _____
2. I understand that sometimes Video Production activities on campus may occasionally cause me to miss all or part of another class, and that I am responsible for all the work missed during that time. I also understand that some activities require working before school, at brunch, at lunch, or outside of the school day. _____
3. I understand that Video Production may occasionally take me out of class time for all or part of a class period, which is why it is so critically important that I place my academics and homework as a high priority. For this reason, I understand that I currently must hold (according to most recent report card), and I agree to maintain, at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) with NO D's or F's throughout the semester (or year, if I am in the class all year). I understand that failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA could disqualify me from the Video Production class. _____

I have attached a copy of my most recent grade report _____

I hereby agree to all of the above statements and will do my best to follow each of them:

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

The following signature indicates that your parental unit(s) has read and understands the requirements for being in Video Production. This signature also indicates approval of your parental unit(s) to apply to be a member.

Parental Unit Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (please print clearly): _____

Current School Attending: _____

All candidates are strongly encouraged to ask a fifth or sixth grade teacher for a letter of recommendation that addresses the qualifications of the candidate. Have your teacher send a letter to Mr. Jacobson via US Mail at the address listed above,

or via email to noahdad@earthlink.net.

See the attached sheet for more information on recommendations. A letter regarding your application status will be sent to you via the address you have provided before school ends here at La Mesa.

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Incoming seventh grade Application

Getting a teacher recommendation

INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR THE STUDENT

- Please choose a teacher who has had you in a class recently (fifth or sixth grade)
- Coaches, youth group leaders, and other adult members may also write a recommendation. The letter should not come from a family member.
- Teachers are busy, particularly near the end of the year. It may be a good idea to follow up your request for a recommendation with a quick thank you note or email to your teacher to verify that the recommendation has been sent.
- All communications between the recommending adult and Mr. Jacobson remain confidential.

INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR THE ADULT

- Please send your recommendation via email (this is the best way) to noahdad@earthlink.net or via US Mail to Video Production Selection, c/o Mr. Jacobson, 26623 May Way, Santa Clarita, CA. 91351.
- I need an honest evaluation of the student, including character, ability to work in a group, ability to work independently, artistic ability, and writing skill. Because I ask for honesty, I honor strict confidentiality. Your feedback will never be shared with the student or his/her parents.
- The recommendation should be sent via email or postmarked no later than May 3, 2018.

Questions for Video Production applicants

Please answer these on a separate piece of paper.
Be sure to include these as part of your application.

1. **Computer Experience** - Describe your previous experience working with computers. Describe the software applications you have used (examples: Microsoft word, Adobe Photoshop, Excel, etc.) as well as the type of work you have created using these applications. If you are familiar with video editing programs, please indicate that here.
2. **Deadlines** - A large part of Video Production is the ability to meet deadlines. Please explain the steps you take in your own life to stay organized and keep deadlines.
3. **Your Contribution** - Why is the Video Production class important? In what ways do you think you can positively impact and contribute to the production of our live broadcast?
4. **Staff Member** - Why do you feel that you would be an asset to the Video Production staff? What special skills, interests, or personality traits would make you a valuable production team member?
5. **Other involvements** - Tell me about the other commitments that you have in your life. What clubs, sports, jobs, or other activities are you currently involved with?