Reporter Guidelines

Dress

The dress code is casual and neat.

Supplies

The Current will provide press credentials. Student reporters must be prepared to take notes (have a note pad and pen handy all times), and, if possible, record the interview.

Photographs

If Student Reporters have access to a digital camera, still or video, they are encouraged to use it.

Transportation

While it is not required, Student Reporters may travel for on-site reporting if their parents/guardians are comfortable with it. It is up to Student Reporters' parents/guardians to transport them to and from events or interviews. When necessary, Current editors will work with Student Reporters to obtain credentials for them and parents/guardians. Student Reporters should never arrange to do interviews alone and must have an adult with them at all times.

Student Reporter Conduct

Student Reporters are important "ambassadors" of The Current, and they are expected to represent the company the best they can, whether it's on location for an assignment, in an interview with media outlets, or on social media. This means they must:

*   Be respectful: Always behave in a polite and professional way.
*   Be on time: Punctuality shows respect for the person being interviewed.
*   Be prepared: Do research, and have questions ready.
*   Be honorable: Ask for help if needed, but never plagiarize or copy someone else's work, even in part. Always cite sources.

Social Media Policy

*   Don't reach out to people who you would like to interview through social media. Story ideas should be submitted to your editor for approval first.
*   Don't share information about stories you are working on that have not yet been published.
*   Do have a discussion with your parent or guardian before creating accounts or doing anything on social media.
*   Identify yourself as a Current reporter on your social media accounts, if you wish.
*   Share your published stories with your followers.
*   Encourage your parents or guardians to share your stories with their followers.