



WSUN NEWS TEAM

What They Do:

The WSUN News Team produces a quality broadcast every morning, beginning the very first day of school. With only nominal supervision, each day at least 7 students must work together to make sure we "go live" on time. This includes checking the video board, sound board, two cameras, three or four microphones, and a teleprompter, for any technical problems. They must make sure that all the equipment is functioning properly, the content of the script matches the media on the video board, and that all anchors and any guests are in place and ready for cue by air time.

Who They Are:

Our crew is comprised primarily of fifth and sixth grade students; on very rare occasions a fourth grade student who exhibits extraordinary skills and exceptional behavior may be invited to join us. Our crew can range anywhere from 15 to 35 students depending on skills and need. Students who are chosen to be part of the WSUN News Team demonstrate a strong work ethic, an ability to get along with others, a sense of personal responsibility, a dedication to excellence in all they do, and come highly recommended by one or more classroom teachers.

When They Apply:

Each spring applications are accepted from fourth and fifth grade students for any available positions on the following school year's WSUN news crew. Occasionally positions become available during the year. Typically, many more applications are received than positions available. Training generally begins sometime in late March or early April.

When They Begin Training:

During the first few of weeks of August, the station manager(s) and production supervisors work on refreshing their skills in anticipation of training the incoming new crew members. Both new and ongoing training for those students begin in mid to late August. Crew members hired during the school year typically train for several weeks with their supervisors before working independently.

How They Become Management:

The Station Manager (or Co-Managers) is selected from among the previous year's supervisors. The student(s) must have full working knowledge of all of the production equipment and be able to work well with the entire crew under stressful circumstances. S/he also must be able to be at the TV studio by 7:30 am every day.

Position Supervisors are chosen from among the crew members of each job position (anchors, camera operators, video board operators, sound board operators, and teleprompter operators). They must have a complete working knowledge of their specific positions and work well with others. They must be able to be at the TV studio by 7:30 a.m. every day.

What is Expected of ALL Crew Members:

Expectations for all WSUN news crew members include (but not limited to):

- Report Card/Interim Report grades are all C or higher
- No history of missing class assignments
- Regular attendance at school and on assigned work day (**VERY IMPORTANT**).
- No behavior problems in classroom, at activities classes, in the cafeteria or hallways
- Understanding of basic technology skills as demonstrated in the Tech Lab during activities class
- Demonstration of respect for others as well as for TV production equipment

See the **Contract** link for more details! We're very proud of the WSUN Morning News Team! They have learned a many new skills, accomplished many technological advances, and more is yet to come!