

Clark Magnet High School Style Guide

Modern Language Association Guidelines (MLA)
Primary reference: Purdue Online Writing Laboratory
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MLA Guidelines for Paper Format

General Guidelines

- Type your paper on a computer and print it out on standard, white 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- Set the margins of the paper to 1 inch on all sides.
- Double-space the text of your paper, and use a legible font (e.g. Times New Roman).
- Font: 12 pt, with distinct difference between regular and italic text.
- Only one space after periods or other punctuation marks (unless otherwise instructed)
- Indent the first line of paragraphs one half-inch from the left margin. (tab, not space)
- Create a header in the upper right-hand corner that includes your last name, followed by a space with a page number; number all pages consecutively with Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin. (Note: Your instructor or other readers may ask that you omit last name/page number header on your first page. Always follow instructor guidelines.)
- Use italics throughout your essay for the titles of longer works and, only when absolutely necessary, providing emphasis.

Formatting the First Page of Your Paper

- Do not make a title page for your paper unless specifically requested.
- In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date. Again, be sure to use double-spaced text.
- Double space again and center the title. Do not underline, italicize, or place your title in quotation marks; write the title in Title Case (standard capitalization), not in all capital letters.
- Use quotation marks and/or italics when referring to other works in your title, just as you would in your text: *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* as Morality Play; Human Weariness in "After Apple Picking"
- Double space between the title and the first line of the text.

For more information, see:

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Sample First Page in MLA Style

Clark Magnet High School

Anderson W. Clark Magnet High School is located in La Crescenta, California. The school was originally conceived as the result of the recommendations of the "Vision of the Future" Task Force. The task force recommended a new magnet school be commissioned with a mandate to focus on advanced technologies and the physical and earth sciences.

Academically, the school is very high-performing. In 2005, it was designated as a California Distinguished School, and received the California Exemplary Career Technical Education Program Award. In 2006 it became a National Blue Ribbon School. In addition, "students won the 2010-2011 Lexus Eco Challenge Grand Prize for their analysis of toxins present in lobsters" (Dall 118).

Clark Magnet offers an intramural sports program for its students. An ongoing controversy concerns the school's ability to offer interscholastic sports. The California Interscholastic Federation (CSF) made this ruling:

Clark students may participate in Athletics at the High School in their area of residence. This right would be revoked if Clark were to begin fielding its own interscholastic teams. The school administration must promptly inform the CSF of any intent to change the current status. (Schoff 83)

Due to restrictions imposed by the school's geography, it is impossible to field the full spectrum of athletic activities offered by other High Schools in the Glendale area. Hence,