



San Juan Unified Literary Magazine

Share your voice with writing that is just as unique as you, to our student-run publication!

If you have any questions, please email [Julia Clauson](mailto:jclauson@sanjuanunified.org)

Access the form to submit your writing:

<https://forms.gle/iDujbDJLx9P7QibR6>

View the rubric: [Literary Magazine Rubric](#)

The theme for this edition is IDENTITY. Consider the following guiding questions while writing (applies to nonfiction and fiction):

- What does identity mean to you?
- How does your identity impact your life?
- How has your identity shaped your values?
- How does your identity empower you?
- Has your identity changed over time?
- How has your identity been impacted by others?

Disclaimer: The content of your submission will not be edited for publication, but minor grammatical or spelling errors will be corrected.

General Guidelines:

- All writers must be enrolled in a San Juan Unified school (grades 9-12)
- Word count maximum: 800 words
- Submissions exceeding the word count will not be accepted
- Accepted forms of submissions: short stories, poetry, comic strips, essays, scripts/screenplays, novel excerpts
- No graphic violence or sexual content (also applies to accompanying art)
- No hate speech or discriminatory language
- No excessive profanity
- Submit writing with limited grammatical or spelling errors
- Use discretion when including names of people and places, in order to protect privacy

- Please note: San Juan Unified personnel are mandated reporters and are required to report if safety could be in jeopardy
 - **The review panel has the discretion to implement additional review based on the content of publication**
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FAQs:

Q: Do I retain the copyright to my submissions?

A: You retain ownership of your writing. You can use whatever writing you submit at later times. The district can use the magazine and excerpts of writing/art as part of district social media or advertising. The district may ask for permission first.

Q: Who will be reading my submissions?

A: A panel of volunteers will be reading submissions. Your name, school, and other identifying information will not be seen by the readers. They will only read your submission.

Q: May I submit writing in a different language (non-English)?

A: Yes, you may submit writing in any language. If your submission is approved, it will be published with an English translation, in addition to the original. If you are able to provide an English translation, please do, but if not, one will be provided for you.

Q: May I submit anonymously (do I have to share my name)?

A: Yes, you may submit anonymously. You must share your name when submitting your writing, but if you choose to remain anonymous, your name will *not* be published.

Q: May I submit an author biography?

A: Yes, you may attach a professional biography along with your submission. The biography must be written in the third person, and the word limit is 60 words. Please refrain from using slang.

View example biography: [How to Write a Killer Author Bio \(with Template\)](#)

Q: Is there a minimum word requirement for submissions?

A: There is no minimum word count requirement.

Q: If I am submitting a comic strip, how do I know how long my submission can be? Is there a maximum number of drawings I can submit?

A: Please submit no more than two pages worth of content.

Q: When will the magazine be published?

A: The magazine will be released in Spring 2024. Digital and physical copies will be available. More information to come.

Q: When will I find out if my submission will be published?

A: You will be notified in February 2024, after the review panel of volunteers evaluates the submissions based on the rubric.