



Student
Voices
Collective



Story Prompts: Fall 2025

Submissions accepted August 15 - October 1

How to Produce and Submit Your New Story

- ☐ **Choose** a prompt.
- ☐ **Plan** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Record interviews** (audio or video) and **take photos** of your interviewees.
- ☐ **Encourage** each person to speak for a few minutes about their thoughts.
- ☐ **Write** your story using the [Story Submission Checklist](#) and [Story Blocks Organizer](#).
- ☐ **Submit** your final story package via the [Story Submission Form](#).

Prompt 1. *What Does School Spirit Mean?*

Story Focus: What do students think about school spirit at your school?

- ☐ **Choose one event** to feature—such as a spirit day, pep rally, or homecoming.
- ☐ **Research:** What is the history of the event at your school? Dig into old yearbooks and/or ask longtime staff.
- ☐ **Interview:** at least THREE students. Ask:
 - How are you participating in the event?
 - What spirit theme do you wish your school included?
 - Why does that theme matter *this year*?

✦ Prompt 2. *Behind the Scenes With the Team*

Story Focus: Highlight how one school team, club, or group works together—onstage, on the field, or behind the scenes.

- ☐ **Choose a group** to profile (e.g., tennis, robotics, drama, chorus, band).
- ☐ **Research:** What is the story or tradition of this team or club at your school?
- ☐ **Interview:** at least THREE students and ONE coach, director, or sponsor. Ask:
 - What is your role in the group?
 - What do you wish more students knew about how your group operates?

✦ Prompt 3. *Open Choice*

Story Focus: Report on a student perspective about a current issue or topic that matters to your school community (e.g., cell phone use, dress code, school safety).

- ☐ **Research:** What is the background or history of this issue at your school?
- ☐ **Interview:** at least THREE students. Ask:
 - What is your opinion on the issue?
 - What changes or solutions would you like to see?