

Board Recognition
July 30, 2024

Ryan High's Madison Gordon wins State Journalism Contest

Madison Gordon, a Class of 2024 graduate from Ryan High School, won the UIL Class 5A state championship in Journalism – News Writing. In addition, Madison's entry also won the "Tops in Texas" award, where the UIL selects the best entry from each of the first-place winners from all six conferences.

The UIL sponsors five journalism contests - news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, headline writing and copy editing. News writing teaches students to read critically, digest and prioritize information quickly and to write clearly, accurately and succinctly. Emphasis is placed on mechanical and stylistic precision, lead writing, use of direct and indirect quotes and news judgment.

Students compete at the district level, and the top three advance to regionals. From regionals, the top three advance to the state competition.

The Ryan High School journalism teacher is Sarah Schreiner. The principal of Ryan High School is Vernon Reeves.