

Podcasting Tips from Podcasting Students

Primary Grade Tips—Grandview Elementary School (Monsey, New York)

www.grandviewlibrary.org/Fold/GrandviewNews.aspx

1. Try to speak clearly.
2. Reread what you write before doing a podcast.
3. Practice!
4. Don't laugh when you are speaking.
5. Have fun!

Upper Elementary Grade Tips—Willowdale Elementary School (Omaha, Nebraska)

www.mpsomaha.org/willow/radio/

1. Speak nice and loud and speak clearly.
2. Use expression in your voice. The host should be especially enthusiastic when introducing each segment.
3. Choose a topic that you are interested in or have lots of knowledge about. Get your facts right.
4. Be specific about what you want to say to your audience. They are listening, not seeing. Keep that in mind.
5. REHEARSE!

Upper Elementary Grade Tips—Wells Elementary School (Wells, Maine)

<http://bobsprinkle.com/blog/>

1. Don't talk too fast, too loud, or too soft.
2. Don't run around or play with the equipment.
3. Be original.
4. Don't play music while somebody is talking.
5. Watch your step. Don't give out personal information.

These tips are also available in a podcast at
www.sjbrooks-young.com/id13.html.

Middle-School Tips—Lopez Island School (Lopez Island, Washington)

<http://www.lopez.k12.wa.us/>

1. Make your podcasts short, interesting, fun, and meaningful.
2. Plan what you're going to say. A script keeps you on track and eliminates awkward silences.
3. Try not to laugh when recording because it overwhelms the whole thing.
4. Stay focused.
5. Speak loud and clear.

High-School Tips—Sydney Central High School (Sidney, New York)

www.sidneycsd.org/podcasts/

1. Use music that is enjoyable and goes along with your podcast.
2. Choose interesting subjects that people can relate to and stay on topic.
3. Adjust the audio volume of all microphones and audio sounds before starting.
4. Speak loudly and clearly so your listeners can understand you.
5. Be prepared, but don't make it sound like you're reading a script.
6. Make sure it's an appropriate length—not too long and not too short.

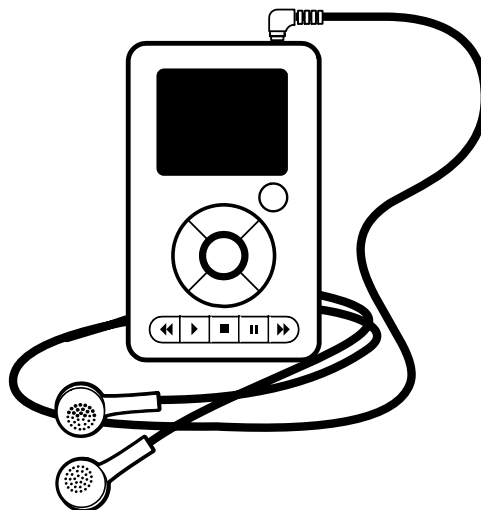


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