

GRADING SCALE: The six-point grading system has the following equivalents:

6	A	Consistently Superior
5	B+	Excellent
4	B	Very Good
3	C+	High Average
2	C	Average
1	D	Lowest Passing Grade
0	F	Failure

HONOR ROLL

	<u>Average</u>
High Honors	5.45 - 6.00
Honors	4.45 - 5.44
Honorable Mention	4.00 - 4.44

In computing Honor Roll or a student's average, the following subjects are not included: Newspaper, Physical Education I and II (beginning with the class of 2011, Physical Education will be averaged into a student's GPA), Lifetime Sports, and Yearbook.

HONOR MONOGRAMS

Honor Monograms or certificates will be awarded to students who earn **High Honors or Honors** for three of the four grading periods during the current school year. Those students who earn High Honors or Honors for the first three grading periods will receive their award at an Honors Assembly. Students who earn a monogram or certificate at the end of the fourth quarter will receive their award through the mail sometime after final report cards for the year are issued.

LEVELS

Level I – Level I courses do not carry Academic Honors Diploma credit.

Level II – These courses are for the student who is on an academic track to prepare for a career that requires at least four years of further study (college/university). Some of these courses may require a prerequisite or a minimum GPA.

Level III – Level III courses are designed to encourage accelerated students to work and achieve at a higher level than is possible in other courses. A minimum GPA requirement is applied to all Level III courses.

Level IV – These courses are considered the most rigorous offered at Memorial High School. These courses are for the student who wants to pursue the most challenging curriculum possible.

*Course levels are indicated in the individual course descriptions.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Any student considering participation in a Division I or II NCAA member institution must attain a grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in a core curriculum of at least fourteen (14) academic courses. For specific information regarding core courses requirements, students must see a guidance counselor. In addition, the student must achieve a combined score on SAT verbal and math sections or a combined score on the ACT based on a special index, a copy of which is available in the counseling office. Spanish 1A/Spanish 1B are each considered as a one-semester course for NCAA requirements. Students should see a counselor before registration if they have questions or need further information.

SENIOR STATUS POLICY

It is the policy of Reitz Memorial High School that in order for a student to be considered a member of the senior class, the student must have earned a minimum of twenty-nine (29) credits by the end of the junior year. If, at the end of the seventh semester, a student has acquired a minimum of thirty-six (36) credits, senior status will be accorded.

CLASS AUDIT POLICY

Students may be permitted to audit a class under the following conditions:

1. The student is repeating a course for the purpose of improving skills and grade in order to qualify for an additional course.
2. The course will carry **no credit** but it will be shown on the student transcript with an assigned grade.
3. The grade received the **second time** taking a course will be the one used in computation of student GPA.
4. The original grade **will not** be removed from the student transcript.
5. All audits must have prior approval of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction.
6. A course that is audited will not count toward IHSAA athletic eligibility.

STUDENT CLASS LOAD REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to carry seven (7) classes each semester. As a student advances in grade level at Memorial, less of his/her class load will be requirements and more of it will be electives. Memorial offers a wide range of electives in all areas of the curriculum to enable students to have some choice in fulfilling the various requirements necessary for admission to the college of their choice, to pursue, in depth, areas of interest, and to select courses for enrichment. In selecting elective courses, students are advised to keep in mind not only the requirements of Memorial, but also the requirements of the college they would like to attend as well as their own interests and abilities.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS / SCHEDULE CHANGES

During the school year, schedule change requests may be submitted to guidance counselors. During the summer months, requests may be submitted, **in writing**, to the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. Dates for these requests will be announced. Requests for a different teacher or class period will be reviewed on the basis of class availability and the overall impact on the student's schedule. Students will have five (5) school days at the beginning of the first and second semesters to make needed schedule adjustments. After that time, no changes will be permitted. All changes in student schedules must have final approval of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. The administration reserves the right to deny a schedule change. **A \$10 fee is assessed for all schedule changes.**

PREREQUISITES

A student may select certain subjects only if he/she has demonstrated the ability to master the work of the prerequisite subject satisfactorily. Some subjects require a certain grade in the prerequisite subject. If this grade is not achieved, special permission must be obtained to select the next course. Prerequisites for courses are found with the course descriptions.

SCHOOL DAY CONFIGURATION

Reitz Memorial High School follows a Block-8 schedule. All classes meet for ninety (90) minutes on an alternating day basis. All students will be enrolled in seven (7) classes along with a Student Resource Block. The resource block allows time for students to choose individual help from a teacher, use the media center or computer lab facilities, work with a peer tutor, participate

in selected clubs or organizations, seek assistance from a counselor, or perhaps choose quiet study time.

COURSE OF STUDY

A student may select courses from all of the electives listed. All courses carry one (1) credit per semester with the exception of Newspaper, Yearbook, Lifetime Sports, Student Assistant and Media Assistant. These courses carry one-half (1/2) credit per semester except for Student Assistant which does not receive credit. Physical Education 1 and 2 will carry one credit each beginning with the class of 2010.