

Riverton High School
Enhanced Diploma Awards
2006-2007

Riverton High School has a large and diverse student body consisting of students with many differing talents and abilities. The purpose of the Enhanced Diploma program is to encourage and challenge students as well as reward them for their many accomplishments while attending Riverton High School. It is the student's responsibility to pick up an application for the specific award from Mr. Payne in the Counseling Center and to return the completed application to Mr. Payne by April 25, 2007.

1. *Academic Merit Award:* The Academic Merit Award has the purpose of recognizing students who have chosen to substantially challenge themselves through the selection of Advanced Placement and Honors courses while maintaining a high degree of performance. The award is intended to encourage able students to test their boundaries in the five traditional academic areas of English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.
2. *Activity Achievement Award:* The purpose of this award is to recognize students who have made a significant contribution to Riverton High School through a very high level of participation in a variety of high school activities. Only activities participated in while a student at Riverton High apply to this award.
3. *Outstanding Citizenship:* The citizenship award honors students whose attendance and classroom citizenship identifies them as outstanding Riverton High School citizens.
4. *Senior Project:* The purpose of the Senior Project is to give senior students an opportunity to challenge themselves by initiating, planning and completing a substantial project in any area of academic, artistic or vocational interest that could include community involvement and evaluation.
5. *Departmental Awards:* These are awards sponsored, outlined and evaluated through individual or combined school departments and are intended to motivate students to a high level of achievement and participation on a departmental basis.
6. *Service Award:* This award honors those students who have contributed significant service to both the school and the community. It both recognizes and encourages participation in many different kinds of service.

Recognitions

- An Enhanced Diploma will be included along side the regular diploma in a special Enhanced Diploma cover. It will list all areas of enhancement.
- Transcripts will reflect all enhancements earned by the student.
- Certificates and pins will be awarded at a special recognition ceremony and reception for students and their parents.
- The graduation program will acknowledge all recipients.

Colored cords representing the five award categories may be worn on the student's graduation robe. Academic Merit = White; Activity = Black; Citizenship = Silver; Senior Project = Purple; Departmental Awards = Gold, one cord will represent multiple Departmental Awards; Service = Bronze.

Standards of Qualification for the Enhanced Diploma

1. Academic Merit Award:

Students earning the Academic Merit Award must meet all of the following standards:

- a. Four solids (any class from one of the five traditional academic areas of Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language) during the ninth grade year.
- b. Twelve academic solids in grades ten through twelve, eight of which must come from the honors list below.
- c. A grade of "B" or better in each of the qualifying classes during each grading period.

Honors List of Classes:

English 10H	English 11 H	AP English	Eng.1010/Hum.
French 3H	AP French	Spanish 3H	AP Spanish
Col. Alg./Trig	Pre-Calc	Calculus Physics	Chemistry H AP
AP Chemistry	AP Biology	AP Env. H	Physics AP US
Science World History H		AP Euro History	History

Substitutions: Two substitutions will be allowed, but must consist of any other AP class, SLCC class or course from the Jordan Tech Center that awards credit in one of the five academic areas.

2. Activity Achievement Award:

A student must earn a minimum of 150 points from **three separate areas** to qualify for this award. Points can accumulate from 10th through 11th grade. The following point values apply to each year of participation at Riverton High School. Activities done at other schools will not be accepted. Signatures verifying participation from supervisors, teachers and/or coaches are required for each activity.

- 5 active membership in a club
- 5 officer in clubs, organization or student senate
- 10 participation in Sophomore, Jr. Varsity or Varsity sports (both school recognized and unrecognized)
- 10 lettering in any area (Academic Letter included, but not separate department letters/pins)
- 20 officer in student government (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian)
- 10 member of any team (other than sports) representing Riverton High (example: Debate, Academic Decathlon, Automotive competition, etc.)
- 20 Sterling Scholar
- 15 performing groups (including drama, school musical, Madrigals, A'capella, Cheerleading, Drill team, Dance Co., Marching Band, Bell Choir, etc.)

- 10 miscellaneous activities (i.e. Stage Crew, Silver Screen, School Newspaper, Literary Magazine, Editor-In-Chief of any school publication, Peer Leadership, School/Community group, district art show, Springville Art Show, Yearbook, etc.)
- 15 Youth Leadership Organizations (DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, VICA, HOSA)

Any other activity must be approved **in advance** by the Enhanced Diploma Committee.

3. Outstanding Citizenship:

Students may apply for this award by meeting this criteria at the end of the first semester of their senior year. All requirements apply to grades 10-12.

- . 95% daily school attendance (activity absences are excluded) .
Five or fewer tardies per year.
- . No "U's" and no more than one "N" in citizenship (if given).
- . Three letters of recommendation.

4. Senior Project:

Senior projects are academic in nature and should be self directed with mentor guidance. The expected benefits for the student are many. Through these projects, students become an intrinsic learner, a self evaluator, a reflective and critical thinker, a problem solver and developer of creative solutions. They become responsible for their own learning, more self assured and take an active role in their self esteem.

Senior projects must be well planned, benefit parties other than the student, be challenging and in an area of interest to the student. The senior project cannot be a part of any school assignment receiving a grade or credit, but must be wholly independent of course work.

The senior project requires that the student select a mentor from among the faculty who will give suggestions, guidance and formalize procedures for conducting the senior project. The concept, design and execution of the project, however, is the responsibility of the student.

At least one month prior to beginning the project, students **must:**

- . submit a plan
- . obtain a mentor signature
- . receive approval from the Enhanced Diploma Committee

As students complete their projects, the mentor must sign off that the project met the pre-set standards. Projects must be completed and submitted by April 25, 2007.

5. Departmental Awards:

Enhanced Diploma awards may be earned by meeting criteria established by individual departments in the following areas:

Athletics	Business & Marketing	Debate English
FACS	Fine Arts	Foreign Language
Math	School Publications	Health Sci & Technology
Trade & Technology		Science
		Social Studies

Students may qualify and submit applications in more than one department. The enhanced diploma certificate will reflect the enhancements from multiple departments, but the award and cord is only given once.

Specific requirements for each department are available in the Counseling Center.

6. *Service Award:*

Students must complete the required hours during grades 10 through 12, while attending Riverton High School.

- Completion of 30 hours of school service through any Riverton High sanctioned activity.
- Completion of 30 hours of community service (exclusive of family service).
- All service must be verified with an organization signature.

Participation in the annual Silverwolf Pride day. Students must attend at least one event per year or a total of three.