

*Riverton High School
Enhanced Diploma Awards
2010-2011*

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. **Only students who qualify for a Basic diploma** may apply for one or all of the enhancements. It is the student's responsibility to pick up an application for the specific award in the Counseling Center and to return the completed application to Mr. Payne by April 25, 2011.

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 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 School apply to this award.
3. *Attendance Award:* The attendance award honors students whose attendance and dedication to school identifies them as outstanding Riverton High School citizens.
4. *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. Students must complete the required hours during grades 10 through 12, while attending Riverton High.
5. *Departmental Award:* 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.

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.

- Colored cords representing the five award categories may be worn on the student’s graduation robe. Academic Merit = White; Activity = Black; Attendance = Silver, Senior Project = Purple; Departmental Awards = Gold, Service = Blue; one cord will represent multiple Departmental Awards.
- The graduation program will acknowledge all recipients.

Standards of Qualification for the Enhanced Diploma

1. Academic Merit Award:

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

- Earn a Basic diploma
- 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.
- Twelve academic solids in grades ten through twelve, eight of which must come from the honors list below.
- A grade “B” or better in each of the qualifying classes during each grading period.

Honors List of Classes:

English 10H	English 11 H	AP English	English 1010/Humanities
French 3H	AP French	Spanish 3H	AP Spanish
Col. Alg/Trig	Pre-Calculus	Calculus	Chemistry H
AP Chemistry	AP Biology	Physics H	AP Physics
AP Env. Science	World History H	AP Euro History	AP US 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 12th 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. Students must qualify for the Basic diploma in order to apply.

- 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 School (example: Debate, Academic Decathlon, Automotive competition, etc)
- 20 Sterling Scholar
- 15 performing groups (including drama, school musical, Madrigals, A’Cappella, 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. **Attendance Award:**

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
- Three letters of recommendation

4. **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. 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 for a total of three.

5. **Departmental Awards:**

Students must earn the Basic diploma in order to qualify for an Enhanced Diploma. 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	Health Sci & Tech
Math	School Publications	Science	Social Studies

Trade & Technology

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.