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## Student and Parent Handbook 2024-2025

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## **OUR MISSION**

Reitz Memorial Catholic High School calls each student to be more like Christ through the formation of the whole person while instilling a love for lifelong learning, service to others, and our rich traditions.

## **OUR VISION**

Providing an environment where God inspires, we educate, students thrive.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Memorial Code of Behavior**

We believe that membership in our school community is a special privilege. But to create a climate where a real community can take root and grow, we need a code of behavior and a disciplined structure of rules and procedures to help us work and interact.

Here at Reitz Memorial High School, our code of behavior is rooted in our identity as a Catholic High School – a center of learning for those who believe in

- The sustaining presence of God the Father
- The redeeming presence of Jesus the Son
- The energizing presence of the Holy Spirit
  
- We accept the moral values and responsibilities that challenge us as Christian men and women, as faculty and students.
- We agree to recognize each person's dignity and to treat all with respect, courtesy, and Christian concern.
- We agree to cooperate with teachers to create an environment of order that makes learning possible
- We agree to care for our learning equipment, our building, our school grounds, and
- We strive to mesh our individual goals with the goals of our school community.

Beyond these minimum expectations, all are encouraged to maximize their opportunities for friendship, learning, involvement, and spiritual growth.

### ***Basic Expectations:***

- Attend class regularly and on time.
- Participate in class and complete assignments, projects, and other class work.
- Accept direction from faculty and staff as communicated verbally and in writing.
- Be courteous and respectful toward teachers, staff, and classmates.
- Maintain self-discipline, e.g., silence when silence is expected.
- Always display the highest standard of personal integrity.
- Maintain ethical behavior – respect the rights of others.
- Respond cooperatively to directives given by school faculty and staff members.

## **Catholic Diocese of Evansville Code of Christian Conduct Covering Students and Parents/Guardians**

The students' interest in receiving a quality, morally based education can only be served if students, parents, and school officials work together. Normally, differences between these individuals can be resolved. In some rare instances, however, the school may find it necessary, in its discretion, to require parents/guardians to withdraw their child.

It shall be an express condition of enrollment that the student behaves in a manner, both on and off campus, that is consistent with the Christian principles of the school as determined by the school at its discretion. These principles include but are not limited to any policies, principles, or procedures outlined in any student/parent handbook of the school.

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These Christian principles further include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Parents/Guardians are expected to work courteously and cooperatively with the school to assist the student in meeting the academic, moral, and behavioral expectations of the school.
- Students and parents/guardians may respectfully express concerns about the school operation and personnel. However, they may not do so in any manner, including social media, that is discourteous, scandalous, rumor-driven, disruptive, threatening, hostile, or divisive.
- These expectations for students and parents/guardians include but are not limited to all school-sponsored programs and events (e.g., athletics, field trips, Baccalaureate, Graduation, etc.).

The school reserves the right to determine, at its discretion, which actions fall short of meeting the Christian principles of the school. Failure to follow these principles will generally result in a verbal or written warning to the student and/or parent/guardian and typically will first result in disciplinary action short of a requirement to withdraw from the school (e.g., suspension of student or suspension of parent/guardian's privilege to come on campus grounds and/or participate in parish/school activities, volunteer work, etc.).

The school reserves the right to determine, at its discretion, when conduct is of such severe nature as to warrant immediate action without a warning and/or without an intermediate step short of withdrawal.

### **Crisis/Confrontation Policy**

The safety and well-being of every student, the school staff, and our Catholic Schools' educational and disciplinary environment are paramount. Catholic school authorities, therefore, must often make judgments intended to address potential problems and dangers directly and quickly they perceive based upon

information received or obtained and/or behavior observed concerning a particular student or group of students.

Therefore, the provisions of this section may be invoked by school authorities without prior notice to the student or the student's parents in any instance where school authorities possess information that leads them to conclude that a reasonable possibility exists that any of the following events either has occurred, is underway or may occur absent intervention:

1. A student has engaged in or has threatened to engage in any illegal conduct, whether or not on school property;
2. A student has engaged in or threatened, attempted, or made plans to engage in any intentional conduct that did, may, or would represent a risk of physical harm to any person or persons, whether or not on school property;
3. A student has voluntarily participated in or assisted in any conduct which, although not illegal, encourages, invites or entices, by word or example, any other person to engage in conduct violative of the law or violative of the Code of Christian Conduct;
4. A student knowingly possessed, used, transmitted or has been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind on school property or at any school function;
5. A student knowingly possesses, handles, conceals or transmits any object that could be used as a weapon or instrument of destruction on school property or at any school function;
6. A student knows but fails to disclose to school authorities, that another student either:
  - a. has threatened or made plans to engage in conduct that would intentionally present a risk of physical harm to any person or persons; or
  - b. has possessed, handled, concealed, or transmitted any object that could be used as an instrument of destruction on school property or at any school function; or
  - c. has used social media to threaten or harm others.

Upon the receipt of such information, school authorities, in addition to all other remedies available, shall have the authority to confront the student and/or the student's parents or guardians and/or impose, as a condition of such student's continued enrollment, any reasonable requirements and/or restrictions upon such student and his or her parents or guardians which, in the opinions of school authorities are necessary to protect the general student body, the school itself, the educational mission of the school and/or members of the general public. The failure of a student or parent to comply with such requirements, conditions and/or restrictions shall be grounds for the immediate expulsion of the student.

## **Crisis Plan**

At Reitz Memorial High School, there is a crisis plan in case of a lockdown. All teachers and staff are aware of the procedure to follow to ensure the safety of your children. If such an emergency occurs, the building will be evacuated, and students will be relocated to secure designated areas, circumstances permitting.

## **Custodial Rights**

It is the responsibility of the parents to share any official custodial information decided through the courts. Official custodial agreements will be kept in a confidential file in the office of the principal. In the absence of any court document, the school will view each parent as having full legal custody of his/her child. In the

absence of a court order to the contrary, non-custodial parents have the right to receive records about their child's academic progress or lack thereof. The school reserves the right to charge a shipping and processing fee for extra records sent to more than one home address. It is a great benefit to the child to have both parents involved in his/her education.

## **Student Admission Policy**

### **Nondiscriminatory Policy**

The schools of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville shall be open to qualified students of any sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available by such schools. Schools do not discriminate in the administration of their educational policies, scholarship programs, athletics, and other school-administered programs.

Reitz Memorial High School realizes that a student body with varying backgrounds (racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic) provides a full educational experience for all students. Thus, Reitz Memorial High School admits students of any color, racial or ethnic origin, or faith to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students at the school. Although we try to serve the needs of all types of learners, we may not have the necessary resources to accommodate certain learning disabilities and difficulties. If the school becomes aware of additional information after the student has been admitted that impacts the school's ability to service the student, the school reserves the right to change its admissions decision.

Reitz Memorial High School does not accept a second-semester senior as a transfer. Reitz Memorial High School will only allow transfers at the quarter or semester break unless the student is moving into the area. Admission preference is given to Catholic students; however, students of other faith communities will be admitted so long as adequate room and facilities are available. Students of other faith communities will be required to assume their full portion of the costs of their education recognizing that the costs to Catholic students are generally subsidized by their parishes.

Students will be enrolled at Reitz Memorial High School on a priority basis of siblings of current students, Catholic parishioners, Catholic non-parishioners, and non-Catholics until capacity for the grade is reached. If the number of new students qualifying for school choice assistance and seeking admission to a given grade due to capacity requirements exceeds the capacity of that incoming class, a public, random lottery will be held prior to the first Monday in May of the new school year. Those not selected will join a waiting list. The lottery process will follow guidance from the DOE.

## **Tuition And Withdrawal/Refund Policy**

Tuition arrangements for the 2023-2024 school year are due by July 15, 2023. If arrangements are not made by that date, textbooks and schedules may be held until payment has been made. Any student who voluntarily withdraws from Reitz Memorial High School will not be re-admitted during the same school year.

In the event a student voluntarily withdraws during the school year, a parent/guardian may apply for a partial refund of tuition. To apply for a refund, a parent/guardian must complete a Student Withdrawal Form available in the Main Office. There will be no refund if a student is forced to withdraw or is expelled from Reitz Memorial High School.



The school's President is responsible for authorizing all Student Withdrawal refund requests. Parents/Guardians who wish to appeal the President's decision must submit their appeal in writing to the Chairman of the Reitz Memorial Board of Trustees within 30 days of being informed of the President's decision.

Tuition refunds are calculated using prorated days enrolled based on the withdrawal date. School Choice Voucher & SGO credits are also calculated on prorated days if withdrawal is after the School Choice Voucher minimum enrollment date (usually October). Any other financial assistance is lost if a student is expelled or withdrawn.

## **Delinquent Tuition and Fees**

Student records, schedules, report cards, and graduation caps and gowns will not be released for any students that have delinquent tuition and fees. This includes lunch balances. All questions should be directed to the business Office.

## **Career/Technology Fee (SICTC)**

The amount of tuition and fees will be determined annually by the Evansville Catholic High School Coordinating Council. Keeping current with the tuition payment is required. High school students enrolled in the public school Career, and Technology (SICTC) program will receive the following tuition reduction:

- 10% if enrolled in a 1-hour SICTC
- 20% if enrolled in a 2-hour SICTC
- 30% if enrolled in a 3-hour SICTC

Students must have the approval of the President for this tuition reduction. This tuition reduction applies to all students—active Catholic, non-active parishioner, or non-Catholic student.

Students must have the approval of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction to enroll in SICTC programs. Participation in the SICTC program is secondary to the schedules, activities, and requirements of Reitz Memorial High School. When schedules conflict, Memorial as the 'home school' takes precedence. This includes all prayer services and class liturgies.

## **Exchange Students**

Reitz Memorial High School is proud of the many exchange students that we have hosted and encourages the continuation of these programs. To better facilitate this experience, the following guidelines have been implemented:

- Exchange students must apply for admissions and have all necessary paperwork turned into RMHS by June 15. Exchange students must be fully enrolled and registered at RMHS by July 1.
- Enrollment may be for either one or two semesters.
- Full tuition is required unless staying with a family from an assessed parish.
- The exchange student may not take a "world language" course in their native tongue.
- No one who has already graduated from high school may enroll as an exchange student.
- Exchange students may not be classified higher than the eleventh-grade level.

## **STUDENT LIFE**

### **Prayer and Worship**

Reitz Memorial High School strives to build a faith community that loves God above all and loves neighbor as self. We strive to reverence the dignity of all members of our community, recognizing the presence of Christ within ourselves and within others. Building a community of faith involves all of us in all aspects of our responsibilities. It is a process of growth that calls for persistent effort and patience. There are three key and overlapping dimensions in the process of building this faith community.

### **Nurturing Spirituality**

Memorial offers many opportunities for spiritual development and growth in one's relationship with God:

- Morning Prayer each day
- All-school Mass every month and holy days
- Penance Services – Advent and Lent Class
- Retreat day each year
- Prayer service for special occasions and special liturgical seasons
- Environment that offers symbolic reminders of liturgical seasons and special events
- Spiritual counseling
- Integration of faith and learning through the curriculum

### **Courses**

#### **Teaching Theology**

Students learn about God within the framework of the Catholic Tradition. Students are required to have 8 credits in religion. Descriptions of these courses can be found in the [Course Description Guide](#). Integration of faith and learning across the curriculum is an ongoing process.

### **Service**

#### **Promoting Service**

The personal efforts to serve others will add an essential dimension to their educational experience. Therefore, all students will actively participate in at least 10 hours of community and/or parish service each year. Hours will fall into 2 different categories, parish/church, or community service. We are not mandating a certain number of hours for either category, but we are encouraging students to perform some hours in their parish/church and some in their community.

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## Mobile Serve App

In order to track service hours, students will use an app called Mobile Serve which is free to download on Apple and Android devices. This app can be accessed on your mobile phone or computer. It will allow the students to log their service hours and have them approved by the Theology Department or Campus Minister. We will assist freshmen, and new students with accessing the app in Theology class, and more details will be provided. Throughout the year, we will post service opportunities, and students can sign up via the app.

## Service Opportunities

Parents - Please ask your son or daughter about the service hour opportunities being offered at school. There are some great opportunities posted to their service app, Mobile Serve. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Gries at [kevingries@evdio.org](mailto:kevingries@evdio.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if my student has outstanding service hours from past years?

A. Any outstanding hours should be completed during the summer or as soon as the student is able.

Q: Can Confirmation hours count towards their Memorial service hours?

A: No, Confirmation hours are separate from Memorial's requirement.

Q: Can I use the Mobile Serve app for hours that I do in the summer?

A: Yes. Students should use the app to document service hours in the summer. For incoming freshmen who will not have the app before they start school in August, we will assist them in logging their hours once we are in session.

Q: How does the Mobile Serve App work?

A: A demonstration video for students is available at [www.mobileserve.com](http://www.mobileserve.com). More detailed information for students will be given during their 1st Theology class in August.

Q: What counts as community hours, and what counts as parish hours?

A: Community service hours will benefit charitable organizations that address the needs of our community. Parish service hours will benefit the needs of their parish/church or another parish/church.

Q: Do my school club service hours count towards my service hours requirement? For example, Key Club, Teens for Life, Snowflake?

A: If the service hours benefit an organization or parish other than Reitz Memorial High School, they will count toward the service hour requirement. If there is any question about what counts towards or doesn't count towards the service requirement, please ask someone in the Theology Dept.

Q: What if I don't have my own parish or church to serve?

A: Students can serve any parish or church of their choosing. They may also serve with friends or fellow students at their parish/church.

Q. Can I count service hours for serving as a minister at Mass for my parish?

Yes. Serving a parish as a minister counts as parish hours. However, the time of actual service varies for different ministers. For example, A lector does not serve as long as an altar server. Here is a table for ministers and time served,

Greeter - 30 mins. per Mass

Gift Bearer - 30 mins. per Mass

Sacristan - 30 mins. per Mass

Lector - 30 mins. per Mass

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister - 30 mins. per Mass

Usher - 30 mins. per Mass

Altar Server - 1 hr. per Mass

Music Minister - 1 hr. per Mass

## **Student Government**

The Student Council of Reitz Memorial High School develops leadership skills by empowering students to hold officer positions, committee leadership positions, or at-large positions.

The election process for student officers is through the application, and at large school or class vote. Nominations and elections are conducted in the spring of the year for upper-grade levels and incoming freshmen in the fall. At large members are on a walk-on basis. Student Council elects a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer from within the council. The Vice-President runs as a sophomore and serves consecutive terms as Vice and then President their senior year. Four to five class officers represent each class.

## **Class Officers**

Each class has four to five student officers chosen by their classmates through nomination and election after the election. Officers for the senior, junior, and sophomore classes are chosen in April for the next school year.

Officers for the freshman class are chosen in the fall.

Class officers serve as liaisons between the school and their classmates in all matters pertaining to the class as a unit. They conduct all business for the class under the Student Council Advisor and grade-level homeroom teachers.

Students applying for leadership positions must be in 'good standing' in academics, attendance, and discipline. (Failing grades, excessive absences, and/or five detentions are examples of unacceptable levels.)

## **ACADEMICS**

### **Accreditation**

St. Catholic School is accredited through Cognia® and the Indiana Department of Education.

### **Buckley Amendment**

Memorial adheres to the Buckley Amendment (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) in regard to the privacy of student records and the rights of non-custodial parents. It is the responsibility of the parents to share any official custodial information decided through the courts. Official custodial agreements will be kept in a confidential file in the office of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. In the absence of any court document, the school will view each parent as having full legal custody of his/her child. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, non-custodial parents have the right to receive records about their child's academic progress or lack thereof.

## Requirements for Graduation

Reitz Memorial High School awards two diplomas to our graduates. The Core 40 Diploma is designed for those seeking post-secondary education after graduation. The Academic Honor's Diploma is an extension of Core 40 and is the highest achievement diploma. Individual circumstances may dictate a different path of completion, such as the General Diploma or Certificate of Completion. [Diploma Types](#)

## Graduation Ceremony

To participate in the graduation ceremony, a student must be within two credits of the required credits needed. A student must also not have any unresolved disciplinary or financial issues.

## Early Graduation Requirement Policy

Reitz Memorial High School is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. As a result, Memorial follows the state's academic requirements for diplomas and also requires students to complete theology courses.

All students are expected to complete their senior year at Reitz Memorial High School to be eligible for a diploma. In addition to the academic requirements for graduation, Memorial places a high value on the important out-of-class experiences that occur throughout the senior year.

However, there may be circumstances when the student is able to begin college a semester early. These requests will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Administration. To be considered for this option, the following criteria must be met:

- A written request from the student's college of choice must be sent to the Principal.
- The student must be in good academic standing and otherwise eligible for graduation.
- The student must be no more than four second-semester courses away from graduating.

Students who graduate early or do not complete their final semester as a full-time student at Memorial will only be eligible for a Core 40 diploma. These individual situations require a great deal of planning and effort on the part of the Administration and teachers who may be asked to teach independent study courses. As a result, the family will be charged for a full year of tuition and fees even if they choose to graduate a semester early.

## Grading System

Reitz Memorial High School utilizes the following grading scale for all classroom instruction at all levels.

Grade	Percent %	GPA Values	Grade	Percent %	GPA Values
A	92.5 % or above	4	C	72.5 % or above	2
A-	89.5 % or above	3.66	C-	69.5 % or above	1.66
B+	86.5 % or above	3.33	D+	66.5 % or above	1.33
B	82.5% or above	3	D	62.5 % or above	1
B-	79.5% or above	2.66	D-	59.5 % or above	0.66
C+	76.5 % or above	2.33	F	anything lower	0

The final transcript semester grade, which utilizes the GPA values above, will be calculated based on the weight of 85% semester term grade and 15% semester final exam grade. The semester term grade is accumulative from the beginning to end of the semester for student performance as directed by the teacher.

- ✓ A student's GPA is computed on a four-point scale using semester grades in all classes. The value of each letter grade on the four-point scale is listed above under GPA Values.
- ✓ Final Assessments will be given in all classes and are a comprehensive review of the semester's work and will comprise 15% of the student's grade.
- ✓ Effort and conduct are reported to parents by means of coded comments on the report card.
- ✓ Students repeating a class must have the prior approval of the School Counselor. The grade received for repeating a course will be the one used in the computation of the student's GPA.
- ✓ Classes taken online will not count toward an Academic Honors diploma. Online classes must also be approved by the Principal, Counselor, and Department head.

## **Grade Changes**

Grade change is defined as a change of grade on the report card, and subsequently, the permanent record. Any grade change because of an error by the teacher must be approved by the Principal. Classroom teachers will determine their evaluation methods within the school's guidelines and are responsible for assigning student grades. If a dispute arises over a student's grade, the Principal has final authority to sustain or overrule student grades. Grades are reported on the permanent record at the end of each semester, and all grades are considered final thirty days after the semester ends.

## **Scheduling Policies and Procedures**

Students will be notified of the times and dates for developing their class schedules for succeeding terms. At these schedule-planning sessions, ample opportunities for counseling will be available. Students are urged to take advantage of these planning opportunities in order to make expected progress toward graduation. Schedules for the upcoming year will be made available in advance of the beginning of school.

Students will have five school days at the beginning of each semester to request schedule changes. After that time, no schedule changes will be permitted. All changes in student schedules must have the final approval of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction.

The Administration reserves the right to deny any schedule change or to change a student's schedule at any time if it is deemed educationally inappropriate.

Due to the complex nature of the scheduling process, changes will be granted only for the following reasons:

1. Error(s) made by the school during the scheduling process. This could include putting a student in the wrong course, failing to put the student back in a course that was failed, or allowing a student to advance to the next level course having failed a prerequisite course.
2. Medical reasons with documentation.
3. Change in program placement for students with learning difficulties such as adjustments in/or assignments to special education or resource classes.
4. A level change within a given course (regular to Honors, Honors to AP). Requests to drop down a level must be accompanied by a written explanation and signed by the parent/guardian.
5. Course is needed to fulfill the Academic Honors Diploma or Core 40 requirement.
6. Student has failed a course with a teacher, and he/she gets the same teacher for that Course if another teacher is teaching the same course.
7. Replace a study block with a credit-bearing course.
8. Course is needed to meet admission requirements at a college or university.
9. Student requests to keep a teacher for the 2nd semester if class balance is kept in check.
10. Summer school coursework necessitates a change.

Schedule change requests for the above reasons will be considered starting one week prior to the start of the school year through the fifth day of each semester. Students enrolled in the Driver's Education program that do not obtain their permit prior to the start of the course, will be automatically dropped from the course.

Mid-year schedule change requests will be considered starting the Monday after Thanksgiving through the fifth day of the second semester. Teacher change requests will not be granted.

The Administration reserves the right to deny any schedule change or to change a student's schedule at any time if it is deemed educationally inappropriate.

## **Incomplete Grades**

An incomplete grade is defined as a grade that indicates a student has not completed enough of the coursework to demonstrate a level of mastery to justify an earned grade. Any incomplete indicated on an academic record, such as a report card or transcript, will have the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction and school counselor's knowledge. Incomplete work must be completed within two weeks. After two weeks, the "I" is converted to an "F" if work is not finished satisfactorily.

## **Grade Appeal**

In the instance that a student wishes to appeal a grade received, the request for appeal must be started within one week of the time the academic report is generated. The student must contact the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction in writing.

## **Academic Integrity Policy**

Memorial recognizes that all students need to demonstrate academic integrity through their knowledge and application of appropriate practices in academic work and assessments, writing, speaking, use of media, and use of technology. Academic integrity includes honesty in citing sources, sharing work on assignments only when permission is given, and prohibiting any kind of cheating on assignments and assessments. Academic integrity charges us to demonstrate responsible stewardship of our gifts and a strong work ethic.

Plagiarism Defined: Plagiarism is defined as taking ideas and words of another and passing them off as one's own. Review <https://www.plagiarism.org> for more information regarding the definition of plagiarism.

Plagiarism Includes:

1. Turning in someone else's paper as your own
2. Copying a friend's paper or homework assignment
3. Failing to cite a source correctly
4. Copying an author's exact words and passing them off as your own
5. Using someone's ideas, thoughts, or words without giving them credit

## **Academic Integrity and Grading during Extended Learning**

Students will continue their respective academic exercises remotely, should that become necessary. The school's expectations of all students' academic integrity and performance will be upheld and enforced during periods of extended learning. Academic integrity includes honesty in citing sources, sharing work on assignments only with permission, and prohibiting cheating on assignments and assessments. Academic integrity also charges us to demonstrate responsible stewardship of our gifts and a strong work ethic. Students and families who find challenges during extended learning periods must initiate communications

about those challenges to the classroom teachers and school principals promptly. The school grading policies and practices remain intact and continue during any extended learning period.

Academic work is taken seriously, and students should show pride in their own work. Consequences for any student violating the Academic Integrity policy will receive a zero (0%) on the work, and, depending on the severity of the offense, may have additional consequences, including but not limited to failing for the semester, loss of extra-curricular participation, and referral to Student Services Committee for possible expulsion. All violations will be sent to the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction immediately, regardless of severity.

## **Requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress**

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) sets forth specific graduation requirements that all students must complete to obtain a high school diploma. Every diploma type (General Diploma, Core40 Diploma, Academic Honors Diploma, or Technical Honors Diploma) requires students to earn a minimum of 40 credits across specific academic disciplines for diplomas to be awarded. Additionally, the Diocese of Evansville requires all students to complete 8 credits of Theology, culminating in a total credit requirement of 48 credits to graduate from Memorial. An earned credit for all diploma types is defined as passing each course at semester with a grade of 60% or higher. Students are given a standard of four years to obtain the 48 required credits. Each year, Memorial students have the opportunity to take a total of 16 credits (8 credits each semester). All courses taught at Memorial are worth one credit each semester, except for Study Blocks and Resource, which do not earn credit as they are designed to assist students in the completion of credit-bearing courses. Courses taken at SICTC are worth three credits each semester. The average Memorial student earns 14 total credits each year (7 credits each semester + Study Block or Resource), culminating in 56 total earned credits upon graduation.

One of the goals of Memorial is for students to make orderly academic progress toward graduation. This requires that a certain number of credits be achieved in each semester and in each year, as well as over the sequence of years. Repeated failures make it impossible to graduate. Therefore, Satisfactory Academic Progress is defined as passing 12 credits annually over the course of three semesters, with a minimum of 5 credits earned in the fall, a minimum of 5 credits earned in the spring, and a maximum of 2 credits earned in the summer.

Students failing to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress will be required to attend, along with a parent, an academic counseling meeting. During this meeting, a plan will be presented to support the student in achieving academic success. One part of this plan is the requirement to attend after-school academic probation as assigned. Academic probation takes precedence over any extra-curricular activity, including athletic practice and school events.

Monitoring for Satisfactory Academic Progress will take place at mid-semester and again at the semester. If Satisfactory Academic Progress is not achieved, your student may be asked to leave Memorial for a more appropriate academic setting for the student to have the best opportunity to meet the Indiana Department of Education graduation requirements.

## **Academic Eligibility for Student Activities**

Our goal is learning, and this must be a prerequisite to participate in after-school activities (e.g., athletics, drama, band, student council, etc.) Eligibility for participation requires that students pass 70% of subjects per grading period and be in good citizenship standing in the Memorial community. Students taking 8 classes must pass 6, and students taking 7 classes and a study block must pass 5 to meet the 70% state requirement.



Academic eligibility is determined through a mid-semester snapshot of academic progress as generated by the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction.

## Honors

Students who earn Honors or High Honors designation for two semesters in one academic year are awarded the Honor Monogram. After earning the Honor Monogram, the following years will be recognized with a certificate. Honors recognition will take place in the fall of the following academic year.

Following the seventh semester, students earning an accumulative GPA meeting the High Honors designation will be recognized with a cord to be presented at Honors Night and worn as part of their graduation regalia.

Honors are designated as follows:

High Honors	3.55	-	4.00	grade point average
Honors	3.05	-	3.54	grade point average
Honorable Mention	2.60	-	3.04	grade point average

## Valedictorian/Salutatorian

The valedictorian has earned the highest academic distinction in the graduating class, and the salutatorian has earned the second-highest academic distinction. Both are determined at the end of the seventh semester.

Beginning with the freshman class, **Class of 2025**, valedictorian will be determined based upon the following criteria.

- 1) Indiana Academic Honors Diploma
- 2) Unweighted 4.0 GPA
  - a. Cumulative GPA is accurate to the nearest thousandth
  - b. In the case of no 4.0 GPA, the highest cumulative GPA will be selected, and the remaining criteria will be in effect.
- 3) Highest number of AP credits earned, with AP exam, throughout the seven semesters
- 4) Highest number of AP credits enrolled, with AP exam, during senior year
- 5) Highest number of combined AP and college credits earned/enrolled through all four years.

Beginning with the freshman class, **Class of 2025**, salutatorian will be determined based upon the following criteria:

- 1) Indiana Academic Honors
- 2) Unweighted 4.0 GPA
  - If the valedictorian has not earned a 4.0 GPA, no salutatorian will be designated.

For all graduating classes prior to the Class of 2025, valedictorians and salutatorians will continue to be determined according to diploma type and highest cumulative GPA. If there is more than one valedictorian, a salutatorian will not be designated.

Students designated as valedictorian and salutatorian are recognized with additional graduation regalia.

## National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Qualifications, procedures, selection, and

membership for the Memorial chapter align with the national organization. Students who meet the eligibility requirements are notified of the application process and deadlines for submission of application materials. Students who are inducted into the National Honor Society are recognized with additional graduation regalia.

## **Online/Independent Study**

Courses taken through night school, correspondence, or summer school must have the approval of the School Counselor to be applied to Reitz Memorial graduation requirements. Approval should be obtained prior to registering. Students taking online courses for credit recovery will be given the average of the transcribed course grade and the online grade.

## **Virtual Snow Day Policy**

The Department of Education requires 180 Instructional Days. For times when school is closed for 1-2 days, we will utilize the IDEO's virtual option to make up lost instructional time on the actual inclement weather day. Teachers will be required to have assignments posted online by 9 AM on the snow day and will be available to answer questions through their RMHS email accounts from 9 AM-2 PM on that day. When school is canceled for a single day, work will be due on the next same color day (miss a Blue Day, back to school on a White Day, turn in assignments on the next Blue Day). However, when two days in a row are missed, due dates will be adjusted.

## **Assessments**

The State of Indiana mandates that all juniors take the SAT. Memorial also offers the ACT for juniors. Both tests are given on school days in the spring. Please see your School Counselor for registration information, study help, and further advisement.

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors take the PSAT in the fall. Students who are enrolled in Biology must take the state-mandated ILearn End-of-the Course assessment in the spring.

## **NCAA Clearinghouse**

NCAA Clearinghouse If a student wants to be considered for intercollegiate athletics by college/university coaches, the student must be registered online with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. It is important that the student talks to a high school counselor as early as freshman year to determine if NCAA guidelines for required courses are being met. It is recommended that students register before beginning their senior year. Informing the Counseling Office as soon as possible there is an interest in playing a college sport will enable the student and parent/guardian to verify that the student is on track or adjust the student's curriculum if necessary. It is the student and parent/guardian's responsibility to contact the counselor to verify eligibility since the counselor is unaware of which students have the goal of participating in a sport in college. The Counseling Office must be notified of a student's NCAA registration so that a transcript can be sent.

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

### **Attendance Policy**

Student attendance is required by law in the State of Indiana. Parents and students are completely responsible for attendance. Any absence of pupils from regular classroom learning experiences disrupts the

continuity of the instructional process, loses the benefit of interaction with teachers and classmates, and misses the opportunity for guided study. The entire education process requires regular continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences, and study to reach the goal of maximum educational benefits for each student. There is a proven positive correlation between regular attendance, punctuality, and scholastic performance.

Upon arriving at school in the morning until the final dismissal for the day, students are not permitted to leave at any time for any reason without school authorization.

Absences and tardies become part of the student's permanent record. This policy is for the benefit of the pupils, their parents, and the school community at large.

## **Absences**

### **Absences Procedure**

1. If a student is not in attendance, a parent/guardian must call the school office by 8 AM each day the student is absent to report an absence on Safe Arrival, along with the reason for the absence. It is acceptable to leave a voicemail prior to school hours with this information. Students must be fever-free and non-contagious for 24 hours before returning to school. The school will contact parents if there is reasonable cause to verify the validity of a student called in as absent.
2. The school encourages parents to schedule appointments outside of school hours as much as possible. Students are responsible for all work missed due to appointments. The completed work is expected upon the return to school. The Dean's Office should have written notification of scheduled appointments prior to the beginning of the school day of the scheduled appointment.
3. The Dean's Office must receive notes from doctors, dentists, or other health care providers upon the student returning to school. Exceptions may be made by the Memorial Administration.
4. Failure to follow the correct procedure may result in a detention.
5. It is the student's responsibility to check PowerSchool, and Google Classroom, or to contact the teacher via email to collect homework.
6. An excuse for a known future absence (appointment, vacation, college visits, etc.) should be written in advance and presented to the Dean of Student Services. Students must make arrangements with their teachers regarding tests, classwork, and homework.
7. Students who are unexcused absent from school are not permitted to attend school activities that afternoon or evening. A student is considered absent unexcused if they miss more than 30 minutes of a school day. Attendance at a family funeral is an exception; any other exceptions must be approved by the Dean of Student Services or listed below.
8. The students must sign out in the office when leaving during the day (appointment, illness, etc.). If they return during the school day, they must sign back in at the Dean's office.

A student who misses more than six (6) sessions of a specific class per semester will receive a failing grade in that class. All parent-verified absences will be counted toward the six-session limit except those for the following reasons:

1. School-related field trips, musical performances, or other school functions.
2. Illness confirmed by a physician within three days of the student's return. A doctor must see the student.
3. Medical, dental, or other clinical appointments with confirmation from the doctor or dentist.
4. A death in the immediate family.

5. Suspensions.
6. Two college visits per semester for juniors and seniors verified by a college admissions office note; and
7. Circumstances that are considered exempt by the Indiana Department of Education.

If a parent/guardian does not send his/her child to school because of the child's frequent or extended illness or mental or physical incapacity, it is unlawful for the parent/guardian to fail or refuse to produce a certificate of the incapacity for the school's administration within six (6) days if requested. A physician must sign the certificate required.

Parents or guardians who wish to take their children out of school for several days for vacations/non-school sanctioned events/travel sports teams/etc., must inform the Dean of Student Service at least one week in advance of the absence. Parents are discouraged from arranging student vacations during school time. Days missed during such absences will count toward the four (6) class session limit stated in the attendance policy. Students who miss more than two (2) consecutive days are responsible for completing a form which must be taken to each teacher to be signed and turned back to the Dean of Student Services. Students are also responsible for completing all work by the assigned due date. Ultimately, the final decision for such temporary absence and consequences is the responsibility of the parents.

### **Appointments or Other Absence During the Day**

If your student will be absent from school, whether that is for the entire day or a portion of the day for an appointment, the Attendance Office must be notified by 8:00 am on the same school day. A parent or guardian may only submit student absences. Please report the absence by calling the school at 812-476-7973 or completing the online absence reporting tool, Safe Arrival on the school website. Students leaving school must sign out in the Attendance Office; they should sign back in when returning. Students having a doctor or dentist appointment must provide written verification from that office upon returning to school.

### **Illness (During the School Day)**

If a student becomes ill during the school day, the classroom teacher should be notified, and the student should then report to the Dean of Student Services Office. If a student needs to go home, a parent or guardian must be contacted by office staff before the student is allowed to leave the building. We require students to call their parents from the Office to discuss leaving school. Students should NOT phone parents on cell phones.

### **Field Trips**

When opportunities for learning that align with the curriculum are provided outside the school, teachers may arrange field trips with the permission of the administration. Field trips are co-curricular activities. A written official permission slip, signed by the parent, is required before a child will be permitted to attend a field trip activity. Verbal permission cannot be accepted. The teacher should provide this form in advance of the trip. At the discretion of the administration, students with unsatisfactory attendance or academic records may be restricted from participating in class field trips.

### **Procedures for Tardies**

A student who arrives in class after the 7:35 am bell is considered tardy to school, and the first block teacher will send the tardy student to the Attendance Office. A student's fifth (5th) tardy at the start of the day in a semester will result in a detention. Each additional two (2) tardies will result in an additional detention. If a student has incurred ten (10) tardies, they will serve an in-school suspension and lose extra-curricular privileges, including athletics for that day.

Further accumulation of tardies will result in a parent conference with the Dean of Student Services or the Student Services Committee.

Tardies to class during the school day will be documented by the classroom teacher and reported to the Dean of Student Services.

## **Habitual Truancy**

A student is considered a habitual truant when he/she has been absent from school for ten days or more without being excused.

- When a student has reached eight unexcused absences, the parent/guardian will be notified by letter.
- If the student reaches 10 unexcused absences, the Associate Superintendent for the Diocese of Evansville will be notified, and a Truancy and Violation Notification Hearing will be held at the school. A parent or guardian is required to attend the hearing.
- A student who is considered to be a habitual truant may only miss additional days of school if the absence is excused.

The Dean of Student Services is required by Compulsory Attendance Law to report a child who is habitually truant from school to the Department of Child Services and/or the Juvenile Court System. The State of Indiana mandates 162 days of student attendance.

## **Chronic Absenteeism**

A student is considered to have chronic absenteeism when he/she has been absent from school for ten percent (10%) or more of a school year for any reason. A school year consists of 180 days; thus, ten percent is 18 days of absences, regardless of whether they are excused or unexcused.

- When a student has reached 15 absences, for any reason, the parent/guardian will be notified by letter.
- If the student reaches 18 absences, for any reason, the Superintendent's Designee for the Diocese of Evansville will be notified, and a Truancy and Violation Notification Hearing will be held at the school. A parent or guardian is required to attend the hearing.
- A student who is considered to have chronic absenteeism and sustains any further illness is required to provide a note from a physician or other qualified professional to verify the illness.

## **Chronic Tardiness**

A student who has chronic tardiness is defined as being tardy or late to school for ten percent (10%) or more of a school year for any reason. A school year consists of 180 days; thus, ten percent is 18 days of tardies, regardless of whether they are excused or unexcused. Tardy to class is determined by the attendance policy of each school.

- When a student has reached 15 tardies, the parent/guardian will be notified by letter.
- If the student reaches 18 tardies, the Superintendent's Designee for the Diocese of Evansville will be notified, and a Truancy and Violation Notification Hearing will be held at the school. A parent or guardian is required to attend the hearing.
- The Dean of Student Services will report a child who is chronically tardy from school without verification of illness to the Department of Child Services and/or the Juvenile Court System.

## **Appealing Loss of Credit Due to Absence**

A student who has been notified of a loss of a credit or credits due to excessive absences may appeal to the Dean of Student Services. The appeal by the student and/or parent must be received, in writing, by the Dean of Student Services within seven (7) calendar days after notification of loss of credit was made to the student. The Dean of Student Services will schedule a meeting with the student, the parent, and the Student Services Committee.

The student and/or parent/guardian should provide any written documentation, medical slips, etc., which would serve as evidence to the Student Services administration to explain the excessive absences. He/she should be prepared to explain why an extension of the attendance limit should be considered.

After review, the student and parents/guardians will be notified of the administration's decision.

A student who fails two or more of his/her classes due to excessive absences may be asked to withdraw from school.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEHAVIOR**

### **General Responsibilities**

Reitz Memorial High School is known for its warm, friendly spirit. To promote this atmosphere, every student is asked to assume certain responsibilities.

- Shouting, running, whistling, or banging lockers disturbs the atmosphere of quiet that is indispensable in a school building.
- Quiet conversation is permitted in the classroom at the teacher's discretion and between classes; a moderate tone of voice should be used throughout the building.
- An atmosphere of quiet must be maintained in the corridors outside classrooms while classes are in session.
- Loitering in the corridors disrupts effective traffic patterns; do not block the hallway but allow people to pass.
- Courtesy requires proper respect for school offices. Congregating outside an office can interfere with the business of the office. Anyone waiting to see a member of the school staff should stay at an appropriate distance while another business is being transacted.
- The office phones and classroom phones are for official school business. Students should get permission to report to the Main Office any time there is a need to contact a parent.
- If students elect not to keep their cell phones in their lockers, the individual classroom teacher will require students to turn in cell phones at the beginning of every class. Any cell phone being used by a student without permission during class will result in the phone being confiscated for up to one week during the school day. All confiscated phones will be kept in the Dean's office. Students will be allowed to take their confiscated phones home after school but will be required to turn the same phone into the Dean each day before the first bell. The phone will remain in the Dean's office and may be picked up by the student each day after school.
- Posters are displayed only with the approval of the Dean of Student Services. Approval will be given with the Tiger Stamp. Posters should be attractive and not in any sense degrading. Posters should be affixed with masking tape only and not placed on painted walls.

- Students may be permitted to bring a shadow student to school; however, permission must be obtained from the Reitz Memorial Administration and arranged through the Director of Admissions at least two days before the visitation. Guests should be introduced to the Principal and all teachers whose classes are visited.
- Visitors must report to the Main Office for clearance upon entering through the front entrance. All visitors must obtain a visitor's pass from the office upon entering the building. Strangers who drive around campus will be directed to leave and may be subject to trespassing charges.
- No food is allowed in any classroom unless permission is granted by the Principal or classroom teacher. Clear water is acceptable. However, the classroom teacher reserves the right not to allow water in their respective classroom.
- The auditorium is off-limits when not in use by school officials. Food, drinks, and gum are prohibited in the auditorium. Feet should remain on the floor at all times and never be put on the backs or armrests of other seats.
- Computer cases or bags are not allowed to be carried to class during the school day unless the Dean of Student Services has granted a backpack pass. All students are encouraged to protect their electronic devices by using a laptop sleeve. All electronic devices should be marked in such a way for identification purposes.
- Backpacks and purses are not allowed to be carried during the school day. All backpacks, duffel bags, purses, and gym bags are to be left in the locker until leaving the premises. (Unless backpack pass from the Dean.)
- School lockers are the property of the school. For safety and security, lockers must not be tampered with in any manner. Detentions and loss of locker privileges may result.
- Dignified conduct at assemblies demands attention and courtesy from the entire student body. Students MUST sit in the space assigned to their homeroom or class for assemblies. Students are subject to detention if not in their proper seats and/or are exhibiting improper behavior.

## **Inappropriate Behavior**

Notwithstanding more specific school rules, the following are examples of student conduct that are unacceptable wherever it appears. Such behavior may constitute grounds for the expulsion of a student from diocesan schools.

- Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, or other comparable conduct and thereby interfering with school purposes.
- Damaging or stealing the property of another. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of obtaining money or anything else of value.
- Doing harm to a fellow student.
- Threatening or doing harm to a school employee.
- Knowingly possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
- Engaging in any unlawful activity that interferes with the school process.
- Insubordinate conduct.
- Violation of school attendance policies.
- Sexual Harassment

***The above mentioned applies to conduct both in (during) and out of school.***

## Major Offenses

- **Gambling:** Gambling for money is forbidden at school, and disciplinary action may be assigned.
- **Gang Affiliation:** Any suspected or known gang affiliation, which may or may not affect the school climate, is forbidden at Reitz Memorial High School. This includes the use of signals, written codes, language, distinct apparel, etc. Gang affiliation is grounds for immediate expulsion.
- **Sexual Harassment:** Sexual Harassment is a kind of discrimination defined as a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is behaviors (jokes, gestures) that are UNINVITED, UNWELCOMED, UNWANTED, and/or UNPLEASANT. This may be a repeated offense, or it may be very offensive on a one-time basis and will not be tolerated. Harassment is forbidden, and suspension/exclusion may be assigned until the investigation is complete.
- **Hazing:** Hazing is defined as committing an act against a student, or coercing a student into committing an act, that creates a substantial risk of harm to a person in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization or for any other purpose.
- **Weapons:** Any weapon or item that resembles a weapon is absolutely forbidden at Reitz Memorial High School. It is sometimes difficult to define exactly what a weapon is; therefore, the Administration reserves the right to make those determinations. Any student possessing or using a weapon will be suspended immediately. Expulsion may follow.
- **Possession or Use of:** Use or possession of alcohol or other illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, tobacco products, e-cigs, vapor devices, or any other drug or alcohol paraphernalia or the improper use of prescription drugs is never permitted on or near school property or at or near school functions/events. Students who have consumed, ingested, or are in possession of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs will be suspended. Any student who provides illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or non-authorized prescription drugs to another student may be subject to expulsion. The Dean of Student Services will determine continued membership in our school community in accordance with our disciplinary code.

The exact specifications for various infractions cannot be completely outlined. Therefore, the Administration, at its discretion reserves the right to interpret each case. The following are guidelines to assist the Administration.

## Disciplinary Procedures

Being a private Catholic educational institution, Reitz Memorial High School operates under contractual law. Thus, students who attend Reitz Memorial are expected to follow the rules and procedures that are expressed in the Student Handbook, or the requests made by the faculty and administrators. Students who do not do this will not be allowed to attend Reitz Memorial High School. Because of the uniqueness of being a private Catholic educational institution, students are not guaranteed constitutional due process rights, as are students who attend public schools.

Pursuant to existing binding agreements between the Evansville Catholic Schools and various law enforcement and judicial agencies, the school is obligated, as part of its discipline process, to report to law enforcement any offense involving possession or use of any illegal substance, or any threat of violence or use of a weapon.

Each student has the responsibility to know and follow the rules and procedures of our community. In the case of misconduct, each faculty and staff personnel has the right and the responsibility to deal with a situation as it presents itself.



Blatant disrespect and disobedience are referred to the Dean of Student Services. The Dean is charged with the responsibility of handling the normal disciplinary problems and referrals. Each severe disciplinary problem is referred to the Dean of Student Services.

The **Student Services Committee** is an advisory committee that makes recommendations to the Dean concerning handbook policies in general or concerning individual students who appear before the Committee for a hearing that concerns attendance or behavior. The Dean notifies the student, the parents, and others involved of the time and place of the hearing.

Faculty members on the Committee of Student Services, along with the Dean, will meet to deal with disciplinary or attendance problems. Committee hearings may be called by the Principal, the Dean of Student Services, the School Counselor(s), a Discipline Committee member, or by a student with the approval of the Dean of Student Services. The Dean of Student Services will relay the committee's decision to the Principal. The Principal makes the final decision; All involved will be informed of the decision.

## **Disciplinary Actions**

The following disciplinary actions are designed to correct and deter misbehavior. The actions taken by faculty or staff are listed in order of severity. The entire disciplinary program is under the direction of the Dean of Student Services.

Written Detentions are made by a faculty member or staff member and are given to the Dean. The Dean may refer the student to our counseling program. If a student is removed from class and the Dean is unavailable, the student should report to the Main Office and meet with the Principal or Assistant Principle.

**Detention:** The Dean of Students in consultation with the teacher may modify the disciplinary penalty. The issuing and reception of detention means that the student is required to serve one hour of study after school.

The Dean of Students will enter disciplinary referrals and detentions into PowerSchool and monitor the number and nature of the violations. The Dean of Students will conference with students who commit more serious violations. The Dean of Students will notify parents of accumulated disciplinary detentions. Detentions are categorized according to the violation. Infractions are either One hour or Two-hour detentions.

## **Levels of Detention**

- At five detentions, the Dean of Students will notify the parents in writing. Any serious behavioral violation will automatically result in a phone call to the parents from the Dean of Students.
- At ten detentions, the student will be placed "Probation." Parents, teachers, and coaches will be notified of the student's "Probation". This inappropriate behavior may warrant removal from any present leadership position and could prevent students from being eligible for leadership positions for the next school year.
- A student incurring fifteen detentions in a year may be suspended from school pending a Student Services Committee. Student withdrawal may be recommended at this level.

Detention will be served Monday through Thursday when school is in session and will begin five minutes after the end of school and end at 3:15. Violations occurring on Friday will be served the following Monday.

The student is required to serve his/her detention within two days of receiving it. Students serving detention must be dressed in accordance with Memorial's dress code for the day. Failure to serve detention within two days will warrant another hour of detention.

Community Service hours are given for more serious infractions involving disrespect, harassment, gambling, detentions, tardies, refusal to serve detentions, etc. The student is assigned to the Dean of Students, who determines the number of community service hours and the extent of work detail.

Saturday School will be set up on an “as needed” basis to deal with special disciplinary and/or attendance problems. Saturday School may be set up for infractions dealing with cheating, harassment, bullying, defacing another’s property, etc. The Dean of Students determines the time and date on which Saturday School is served.

Disciplinary Probation is imposed on a student because he/she has forfeited the confidence of the school community receiving 15 or more detentions. The student is required to restore confidence through his/her future behavior. The Dean of Students and/or the Student Services Committee to determine the length, the restrictions, and the details of probation. Disciplinary Probation usually entails exclusion from ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and loss of privileges such as loss of spirit/free dress days, assemblies, etc.

Suspension is temporary exclusion from the school community. In-school or out-of-school suspensions may last from one (1) to five (5) days. Any student that is suspended may appear before the Student Services Committee or the Principal BEFORE they are allowed to return to the school community.

Out-of-School Suspension may be given for serious infractions such as theft, fighting, violation of probation, illegal drug-related activities, damaging or destroying another’s property or school property, vandalism, refusal to serve detention, etc. The student is suspended from all school-related activities and is not allowed on school property. Parents are notified and assume responsibility for the student.

Work missed during a suspension must be made up within two (2) school days of the student returning to regular classes. After that, a grade of “0” is given. Removal from any leadership position is possible, as is possible ineligibility, for the following school year.

## **Expulsion**

Expulsion is the final dismissal of a student from school. Expulsion brings with it the loss of credit for the semester during which the student is expelled. A student may be expelled for the following reasons:

1. A single offense that is so serious that it causes a threat or disruption in the school.
2. Violation of an individualized contract with the student and parent or guardian that has been agreed upon due to a pattern of disciplinary problems.

## **Harassment/Bullying**

Reitz Memorial High School attempts to provide a safe environment for all individuals. Verbal or written threats made against the physical or emotional well-being of any individual are taken very seriously. Students making such threats (seriously or in jest or online) face detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.

Bullying is prohibited in all schools in the Catholic Diocese of Evansville. It must not be tolerated on or off the school grounds. Bullying and intimidation are actions that are contrary to the teaching of Jesus Christ. This behavior is against the fundamental tenet of “love your neighbor as yourself”, and destroys respect for the dignity of the student, undermines the Christian atmosphere of the school, and deprives the student of a safe and caring learning environment. Since students learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior; treating others with civility and respect; and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Bullying, as defined by the Catholic Schools Office, is any overt acts by a student or a group of students directed against another student with the intent to ridicule, humiliate, or intimidate the other student while on or off school grounds where acts are repeated against the same student over time. Bullying includes physical intimidation or assault, extortion, oral or written threats, digital or electronic expressions/threats, teasing, putdowns, name-calling, threatening looks, gestures or actions, cruel rumors, false accusations, and social isolation.

Any person who has a complaint of bullying must bring that complaint to the attention of the Dean of Student Services. All such complaints will be properly investigated. Every effort will be made to maintain the privacy of the charging person, and the person or persons complained about. School officials will keep documentation of all bullying investigations and allegations and take appropriate and corrective action including disciplinary action measures if justified to remedy violations. A copy of an Incident Form must be sent to the superintendent as soon as possible.

## **Exclusion**

A student may be excluded from school in the following circumstances:

- If the student's immediate removal is necessary to keep or restore order or to protect other persons or school property.
- If he/she appears mentally or physically unfit for school environment/activities.
- If he/she has a dangerous communicable disease that poses a substantial threat to the health or safety of the school community.

## **Dress Code**

As Catholics we believe that all individuals are equal in the eyes of God, and our dress code reinforces this belief. The real worth of the individual is in what he or she accomplishes with the gifts God has given. Our students will enter careers and professions where what they wear, or their general appearance will not be their choice. We have an obligation to help them understand and accept those expectations as part of being an adult.

The dress code is in effect from 7:30 a.m. until the end of the regular school day. The uniform dress code of Memorial High School is based on our belief that students should present an image that reflects a sense of pride in themselves, their families, and their school. In a society that places much emphasis on fashion, where consumerism attempts to define social position and self-worth by the price, label, or logo which appears on clothing, our dress code is a reminder that clothing can be simple and uniform.

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We consider proper dress and grooming to be part of the learning process. Students are expected to observe the ordinary rules of neatness, cleanliness, modesty, and good taste. Since the Student Handbook cannot make provisions for the continually changing styles, the school Administration reserves the right to decide what acceptable and appropriate dress is for school AND for school functions.

Men's & Ladies'—polo shirts and quarter zip sweatshirts are available for purchase in the bookstore at Memorial High School.

The student dress code is outlined in detail on the following pages. Violations of dress code policy may warrant disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to: detention, changing clothes,

sending students home, community service, and/or loss of special dress day privileges. All dress code issues are subject to the approval of the Administration.

The following information outlines the details of our school dress code:

## Boys and Girls

The dress code for all students consists of khaki uniform pants (pleated or plain front), uniform polo (first and fourth quarters during the school year), Dress Shirt (acceptable all four quarters), belt, dress shoes, and socks.

### Pants:

The uniform pants are solid khaki in color. Pants are to be pleated or plain front cotton twill pants. Pants are to be tapered or straight-legged; no flare-bottom, bell-bottom, Capri pants, or shorts of any kind are permitted. Pants must have belt loops. Pants may not have torn hems, frayed hems, split seams, cuffs, exterior pockets, exterior seams, grippers, rivets, exterior zippers, exterior snaps, excessive stitching, or elastic/drawstring waist. Pants must fit properly and be worn at the natural waistline. Skinny style or snug-fitting pants are not allowed.

### Belt:

A dress belt, appropriate for school, is required at all times.

**Dress Shirts:** Students will be required to wear button down dress shirts from October 11th - March 8<sup>th</sup>, and boys will be required to wear a tie as part of their uniform. Dress shirts must be white or light blue. They are to have long or short sleeves (three-quarter sleeves are not permitted) and button all the way down the front. The dress shirts must be fully buttoned except for the collar button and be fully and properly tucked in. Dress shirts do not have a monogram or trademark emblem. Undergarments, t-shirts, or thermal shirts worn under the regulation dress shirts must be solid white, and sleeves may be no longer than those of the dress shirt. Solid white turtlenecks will be permitted under the regulation dress shirt only during the winter months. No denim shirts are permitted. The dress shirts must fit properly; no form-fitting dress shirts are permitted.

**Polo Shirt:** During the first quarter and the fourth quarter of the school year, a school uniform monogrammed polo shirt may be substituted for the uniform dress shirt. The uniform polo must be white, royal, or navy blue in color. It must be purchased from the Spirit Store and have the appropriate lettering embroidered on it. All shirts must be properly tucked in the pants.

**¼ Zip Fleece/Crewneck/Sweater:** The uniform-approved ¼ zip school fleece, crewneck, or sweater may be ordered from the Spirit Store and worn all year. The appropriate school shirt must be worn underneath. Team jackets/sweatshirts/hoodies are not part of the standard uniform attire and are not to be worn during the school day.

**Jewelry:** Only females may wear earrings or nose piercings. Nose piercings can only consist of one small, less than 2-3mm stud. Absolutely no hoops, septum, or rhino piercings. A student will be told to remove any piercing that is unacceptable before they may return to the classroom. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

**Shoes:** Properly tied or fastened dress shoes appropriate for school are to be worn. Shoes must be leather and only black or brown in color. "Boat" shoes are acceptable. Moccasins, sandals, flip-flops, crocs, house shoes or shoes resembling house shoes, and boots (work boots, cowboy boots, or seasonal boots) are unacceptable for school wear. Shoes must have a closed toe and heel.

The wearing of athletic shoes is permitted for medical reasons upon the presentation of a note to the Dean of Student Services from a medical doctor stating their necessity and the length of time necessary.

**Hair:** Girls' hair should be kept clean and properly styled. Hairstyles bordering on the extreme (multiple colors) will not be permitted. Make-up, if worn, should be properly applied and not distracting.

Boys' hair must be neat, clean, and of moderate length off the shoulders. Please keep it off your eyebrows and out of your face. Unusual haircuts such as "mohawks" or hair with lines are not allowed. Any unnatural hair coloring is prohibited. Young men must be clean-shaven. If found in violation of this policy, they will be sent to the Dean's Office and required to shave.

After receiving a verbal warning, students have three (3) days to comply with this rule. Failure to comply will result in suspension until the rule is followed.

### **Spirit Dress Days**

The emphasis is on school spirit and modesty. A Spirit Dress Day is designed to promote school spirit by wearing shirts/sweaters that advertise **Memorial**. Spirit days are usually held on the first Friday of each month and will be listed on the weekly schedule.

- Shirts must be professionally and/or commercially made and be promoting **Memorial**, a school organization, or a team.
- Jeans or school pants are permitted. No sweatpants, yoga pants, cargo pants, or other large-pocket pants are to be worn. Shorts are not permitted. Jeans/pants must be in good condition, clean, and free of holes, with no frayed jeans, etc.
- Tennis shoes are acceptable. unsafe or inappropriate footwear, bare feet, shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, and inappropriate messages (satanic musical groups or wording, alcohol advertisements, or suggestive logos) are not permitted. Hats, torn, ripped, and/or cut clothing, and leggings (body-hugging slacks) are not acceptable.
- Jackets, sweatshirts, or hooded sweatshirts that do not promote **Memorial** may not be worn over a Memorial shirt.

Students are expected to observe the ordinary rules of neatness, cleanliness, modesty, and good taste. Students will not be permitted to attend class unless they meet the dress code. If they choose, students may wear the regular uniform dress on these days. Violations on special dress days may warrant the loss of this privilege on future non-uniform dress days.

### **Specifically Prohibited Dress Code Items**

1. Plain white undershirts may be worn under polo/dress shirts. Undershirts with any writing, logos, or pictures are unacceptable.
2. Shirts or sweaters are not to be tied around the waist.
3. No long-sleeve t-shirts are to be worn under short sleeve polo/dress shirts.
4. Torn, ripped, frayed, worn-out, or otherwise altered clothing is not acceptable.
5. Visible tattoos are not acceptable.

## **Disciplinary Action for Dress Code Violations**

Violations of dress code policy may warrant disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to detention, changing clothes, sending students home, community service, and or loss of special dress day privileges.

Students will receive a verbal reprimand and will be required to come into compliance with the dress code prior to returning to class. All efforts will be made to correct the violation within the office. Parents may be contacted, and the student may be sent home. Any student sent home because of not following guidelines must return in a regulation uniform dress. Time missed will be considered unexcused. Time missed will also be made up in detention after school. Example: If a student is out of the building for 20 minutes because of failure to follow the dress code, the student will serve 20 minutes in detention after school.

Any further offenses will be handled by the Dean of Student Services.

## **Other Reminders**

- Coats/jackets are not to be taken to the last block of the day. If an assembly is the last event of the day, no coats/jackets, books, etc. should be taken to the assembly. Purses and backpacks should be locked in lockers.
- NEVER leave your personal laptop, clothes, books, or purses lying in restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, on the bleachers, in the cafeteria, or on the steps outside the building.
- NEVER leave LOCKERS unlocked or carry large amounts of money during the school day. Valuables may be left at the office and picked up after school.

## **Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Evansville are committed to the goal of having network/Internet facilities used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and the Code of Christian Conduct. Users must acknowledge their understanding of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy as a condition for receiving an account or using the network.

### **Catholic Diocese of Evansville Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

We are pleased to bring Internet access to Reitz Memorial High School and believe the Internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

If a student violates any of the terms and conditions described below, his or her Internet privileges will be terminated, and future access may be denied. Furthermore, a student may be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion, for abuse of the use of the Internet. This includes communications originating in or outside of school by mobile devices of any kind (including but not limited to cell phones, Smartwatches, and other similar devices) which threaten other students or school personnel, violate school rules, or disrupt the educational process.

Abuse of Internet communications may include, for example, the posting or dissemination of written material, graphics, photographs, or other representations which communicate, depict, promote, or encourage:

- The use of any illegal or controlled substance, including alcoholic beverages;
- Violence or threats of violence, intimidation, or injury to the property or person of another;

- Lewd, offensive, sexually suggestive, or other inappropriate behavior.

## **Student Agreement**

**Personal Responsibility.** I will accept personal responsibility for my misuse of the Internet and electronic information system. "Misuse" may be considered any message sent or received that indicates or suggests racism, sexism, inappropriate language, harassing or insulting messages, inappropriate sexual content, or intentionally wasting limited resources.

**Acceptable Use.** My use of the internet and email will support educational research and the educational goals and missions of Reitz Memorial High School as defined by the teacher in charge.

**Network Etiquette.** I will be polite and not send or encourage others to send abusive messages. I will use appropriate language and realize that I am a representative of my school community. I will never use swear words, vulgarities, or other inappropriate language.

**Privacy.** I will not reveal my home address or my personal or family phone numbers or those of any member of my school community to anyone over the Internet at any time.

**E-Mail.** I understand that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. I will not send anything that I do not want others to read.

**Security.** Under no circumstances will I order any material over the Internet. I will not download and/or attach files from any user or users I am not familiar with.

**Copyright.** I understand that to copy another person's work on the Internet and call it my own is a violation of copyright law. This pertains to all text, graphics, and sound. When using other people's work, I will ask permission when possible and credit the author accordingly.

Use of the Internet and e-mail at our school is a privilege and not a right. I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the Internet Use Agreement may be unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Any violation of my Internet use or access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

## **Parent Agreement**

The parent or guardian will read and discuss the Internet Use Policy and Agreement with his or her child. The parent or guardian understands that the school provides Internet access for educational purposes only. However, the parent or guardian also recognizes it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold the school or faculty responsible for materials acquired from the Internet. The parent or guardian gives permission for the student to access the Internet pursuant to the attached Agreement while supervised at school.

## **PowerSchool Acceptable Use Policy**

Reitz Memorial High School is providing parents access to PowerSchool to further promote educational excellence and enhance communications with parents. PowerSchool allows parents to view their child's attendance, schedule, grades, and homework assignments anywhere, at any time. In response to the privilege of accessing PowerSchool, every parent is expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. PowerSchool is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled at Reitz Memorial High School.

Users of PowerSchool are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Parents will not share their passwords with anyone, including their children.
2. Parents will not attempt to harm or destroy the data of their children or of another user, school or district network, or the Internet.
3. Parents will not use PowerSchool for any illegal activity, including violation of data privacy laws. Anyone found to be violating laws will be subject to civil and/or criminal prosecution.
4. Parents will not access data, or any account owned by another parent.
5. Parents who identify a security problem with PowerSchool must notify Reitz Memorial High School immediately, without demonstrating the problem to anyone else.
6. Parents who are identified as a security risk to the PowerSchool program or computers or networks will be denied access to PowerSchool.

## **Bring Your Own Device Policy**

Memorial adheres to the “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program for all students. This program will require students to bring a laptop to school every day for use with the Reitz Memorial High School wireless network. The device must meet the following specifications:

- Minimum 10 Inch Screen
- Physical Keyboard
- WiFi Compatible
- Google Chrome Browser
- Enough battery capacity to last through the school day

Students using privately-owned electronic devices must follow the policies stated in this document while on school property, attending any school-sponsored activity, accessing Memorial provided resources, using the Reitz Memorial High School network, or interacting in real or delayed time with Memorial community members. The use of these devices gives tacit approval for school IT personnel and faculty/Administration to observe and utilize the devices to confirm compliance with the school policies described.

A filtered Internet connection on our “guest” wireless network will be provided for student use. Students may be asked to use devices for but not limited to: Google Suites, web-based software, web searches, presentation development/delivery, and recording of audio and video. Students and parents need to be aware of several rules and requirements before a device is brought to school:

1. The student is solely responsible for any equipment that he/she brings to school. Personal devices are not to be shared with anyone. Reitz Memorial High School is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged personal equipment. Students are encouraged to secure any devices in their lockers.
2. Student devices are to be used only in classrooms at the teacher's discretion with a specific educational purpose. In the classroom environment, the teacher or other designated adult determines the appropriate and inappropriate use of technology and procedures in that classroom. Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers. Devices cannot be used during assessments or for non-instructional purposes unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
3. Inappropriate use of the device may result in confiscation of the device and/or disciplinary action. Teachers may declare technology-free times and require placing the technology under students' chairs/desks, or in a ready-to-use position as designated by the teacher. It is inappropriate to attempt to use technology covertly or overtly in ways that are inappropriate, not indicated by the instructor, or that run counter to the educational purpose of the class. No intra- or inter-class communication such as



instant messaging, texting, or any social media communication is authorized between students except as designated and/or supervised by an adult for a specific time period.

4. Students must connect via the Reitz Memorial High School wireless guest network. Reitz Memorial High School will not be liable for any content viewed on a student's private network. Any student involved in such an act will be subject to disciplinary action.
5. Devices should come to school charged. Reitz Memorial High School is not responsible for providing accommodations for charging devices during school hours.
6. The Memorial faculty, staff, and Administration (including IT personnel) will not service any non-school technology, which includes troubleshooting software or hardware issues. However, the staff will assist in connecting students to the wireless network and printers. Students are responsible for enabling proper security features and ensuring that they have up-to-date anti-virus software installed, if applicable.
7. Administrators reserve the right to confiscate any technology "privately owned or school-owned" when it is believed to be used as a means that does not support a wholesome and safe educational atmosphere for our students. The Dean of Students will hold the confiscated technology until the parents have been contacted and make arrangements to pick up the device. Students involved in such acts will be disciplined according to the handbook policy. Legal authorities may be contacted if any local, state, federal, or FCC policies are broken.

## **Social Media Policy**

It is not the responsibility of Reitz Memorial High School to monitor what students place on Twitter, Facebook, or any other similar electronic information posting space. However, information brought to the attention of the Administration, that confirms or identifies inappropriate activity/behavior, statements, or threats, directed towards Reitz Memorial High School Administration, Faculty, Staff, or Student(s), will be dealt with and could result in disciplinary action and or police notification. Students should be extremely cautious about placing personal information on these types of "easily accessible" sites.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Wellness Policy**

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Evansville are committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn, by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. The Diocesan Wellness Policy has been updated to reflect the latest requirements of the USDA. Reitz Memorial High School will continue to implement and annually update this policy for the health and wellness of all students. The Memorial Wellness Policy can be found on the school website under Cafeteria.

### **Pest Control Policy**

All applications of pesticides will be made in strict compliance with label instructions and applicable Federal and State law. While pesticides protect children from pests, under certain circumstances, they may pose a hazard to children. When possible, pesticide applications will be made during the non-instructional time or during vacation periods, and pesticides are prohibited when children are in or near the area to be treated. If you wish to receive advance notice of pesticide application, please inform the Principal. A written notice shall be given no later than 48 hours before the application. No notice will be given if the application is made when students are not present. In the case of an emergency application, (necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health) notice will be given as soon as possible after such application.

### **Elevator Policy**

The elevator is off-limits to students unless the Administration or a physician requires the use of the elevator due to injury and/or sickness. A teacher may also grant permission for a student to use the elevator when the student is assisting a school employee. Any student who violates the elevator policy will be referred to the Dean of Students.

## **Medication/Drugs**

Students needing to take prescription medications need to have a physician's authorization form on file along with the medication in the original bottle. OTC medications require a consent form to be filled out on FinalForms. The school nurse will administer all medications.

## **Alcohol/Drugs**

Alcohol is a drug. Inherent in alcohol use is the possibility of abuse, including driving while under the influence. Also, none of our students are old enough to use alcohol legally. Therefore, we as a school and parent community must make sure that we do not sponsor activities with students where alcohol is being served. Parents sponsoring student parties have a legal obligation and responsibility to ensure that alcohol and/or other drugs are not present.

## **Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Testing Policy**

Reitz Memorial High School (Memorial) is committed to working with parents and guardians to educate the whole person. In an effort to support the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being of all students, Memorial has adopted policies and procedures to ensure a drug-free environment and support the healthy behaviors of our students as part of our wellness program.

Reitz Memorial High School must be a safe zone where every student feels valued as the person God created him or her to be. The primary function of this policy is to promote health and safety in our student body and to give our students a reason to say "no" to drugs and alcohol. With this in mind, there are six goals for this policy:

- to help keep students safe and free from using drugs and/or alcohol;
- to arm our students with a reason to say "no" when they are faced with a situation where they are pressured to use drugs and/or alcohol;
- to affirm our students who are choosing to be drug and alcohol-free and provide them with a reason to continue to do so;
- to educate our students who are choosing to experiment with drugs and alcohol that there are serious consequences for their choices, and their choices are unacceptable;
- to provide our students who may have a drug and/or alcohol problem with an avenue to get on the road to recovery; and
- to work in partnership with parents and guardians to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of their children.

To accomplish these goals, Memorial reserves the right to require drug and alcohol testing when students display behavior that may be related to the use of prohibited substances. In addition, the school will implement procedures for the random drug and alcohol testing of students.

Attendance at Memorial comes with responsibilities. We hold students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration to a high standard of behavior in areas that affect the health and safety of all students.

This policy is not intended to be punitive, but to serve as a diagnostic tool in identifying drug and/or substance abuse among Memorial students so that parents and guardians can seek help for them to make healthier decisions. This program is a part of Memorial's physical and mental wellness educational efforts and is an extension of the school's educational substance abuse programs.

## **Applicability**

The policy applies to every Memorial student, from the day of Freshman Orientation until the student's last school-affiliated event is completed as a senior. The policy applies at all times and in all places, throughout the student's enrollment at Memorial.

A student's behavior away from school and in the school can affect the safety of the student or others. It can also be a sign of a significant issue in the student's life and can affect the overall well-being of the school community. For this reason, all students and parents are required to consent to participation in all aspects of this policy as a condition of the student's continued enrollment at Memorial. As well, parents agree that Memorial has full and complete discretion to impose discipline or take other action, as the administration deems appropriate, for behavior occurring at and/or away from school.

## **Specific Regulations; Testing for Drug Usage**

Students will be tested for drug usage in the following manner:

- For Cause Screening: Any student who displays behavior that may be related to the use of prohibited substances or is otherwise demonstrating conduct that may be in violation of this policy may be required to submit to screening. A student may be directed to submit to screening based upon behavior before, during, or after the school day or at a school-sponsored activity. This also includes any student found to be in violation of this policy due to previous screenings. Any student who tests positive in a screening may be subject to follow-up screenings at the family's expense.
- Random Screening: Memorial will contract with a qualified health provider to conduct random testing for students. The random method could result in the same student being tested more than once per year.
- Transfer Students: Transfer students may be required to produce medical evidence that they are drug and alcohol-free. They will also be entered into the random pool beginning on their first day of school.

## **Drug Testing Method**

Memorial will contract with a health provider to conduct drug testing for students. Each student will be assigned a number, and the Dean of Students and school nurse will maintain one cross-reference list of names and numbers. Numbers will be selected randomly on any given day of the school year.

## **Notification of Test Results**

Notification of test results will be kept confidential and will only be given to the dean of student services by the health provider. The Medical Review Officer (MRO) will notify the parents/guardians of a positive test result by phone as soon as a result is available. The school nurse will notify parents of a negative result by email. Test results from For Cause screenings will be shared with the appropriate personnel.

If the non-negative test results from the use of prescribed medication, the parent will be asked to provide evidence of the prescription to the testing provider. The following will take place for verified positive test results:

## **First Offense**

- Parents and student will meet with the principal or designee and/or designated pastoral team to discuss the next steps.
- Referral will be made to the Youth First social worker to discuss counseling alternatives.
- Student will be required to submit to additional testing during the next twelve months at parent/guardian expense.
- Student is considered to be in violation of the drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy for athletic participation agreed upon by the Evansville Athletic Council Members and is subject to the penalties of this policy.

Memorial will cooperate and support families who choose to enter treatment programs if such action is appropriate.

## **Second Offense**

- Meet with the Dean of Student Services to discuss the test result and explain the consequences of a second positive test.
- Suspension for 1-5 days
- Eight (8) weeks of disciplinary probation
- Loss of privilege to attend the next school-wide dance (Homecoming, Christmas Dance, Prom, etc.)
- Meet with Memorial Youth First social worker. The social worker will provide a list of approved agencies for assessment and treatment. The student will provide a copy of the assessment and verification of a plan resulting from the assessment to the Memorial Youth First social worker and the Dean of Student Services. The student will be required to complete the plan successfully and provide the verification requested by Memorial. Any expenses incurred for the assessment and/or any treatment program required by the plan will be the responsibility of the student's family.
- The student is considered to be in violation of the school's drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy for extracurricular participation and is subject to the penalties of this policy accordingly (365 days).
- Removal from leadership or honor organizations
- Student is considered to be in violation of the drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy for athletic participation agreed upon by the Evansville Athletic Council Members and is subject to the penalties of this policy.
- Required meeting with the Student Services Committee. If the student is allowed to continue attending the school, a contract with conditions will be drawn up and signed by the parents and students.

## **Additional Offense**

Students who have consumed, ingested, or are in possession of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs may receive:

- Immediate expulsion/withdrawal

## **Prescription Drugs**

If a student tests positive for a prescription drug, his/her parents will be contacted to provide information to verify the prescription. A student who abuses or misuses prescription drugs will be in violation of this policy.

## **Suspected Error in Test Results**

If a student or parent suspects that the drug test result is in error, the student/parent may request that the test be repeated by providing a written request which the Principal must receive within 24 hours of the parents being notified of the non-negative test results. The repeat test shall be done by the same lab using the original split sample. The cost of the retest shall be borne by the student/parent. If the testing lab confirms a false positive, the cost of the retest will be reimbursed to the parents.

## **Exceptional Circumstances**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this policy, Memorial retains full and complete discretion to impose any discipline, take any other action, or decline to act, as it deems appropriate for any student behavior occurring anywhere at any time.

## **Appeals**

All appeals of decisions made under the policy shall be made to the Principal of Reitz Memorial High School. In the absence of a Principal, the appeal will go to the President.

## **Responsible Reporting**

Students and adults have an obligation to join in our effort to help keep all students safe and free from drugs and alcohol. With this obligation comes the responsibility to report any unsafe, illegal, and/or dangerous activities involving students

## **Notes:**

- Any student who provides illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or non-authorized prescription drugs to another student or is in possession of illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, and alcohol on campus or during a Memorial function may be subject to immediate expulsion.
- Any student who is in possession of illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, and alcohol on campus or during a Memorial function will be turned over to law enforcement authorities.
- Individual coaches and sponsors may impose additional consequences within the context of that activity.

## **Definitions:**

- Use shall be defined as consumption or possession.
- Possession shall mean on the person, or on the property owned and/or used by the person.
- Property shall include a building, vehicle, or other gathering areas.
- Tobacco violation is defined as the use or possession of tobacco, nicotine, or electronic cigarettes in any form at any time.
- Extracurricular activities include school-sponsored teams, clubs, and organizations not directly connected to academic grades.

## **School K-9 Drug Program**

In order to provide a safe, drug-free environment and to utilize a safe and effective method of determining the presence of illegal drugs on the school campus, Reitz Memorial High School participates in the K-9 drug program. A K-9 team of the Evansville Police Department will make a random search and alert school authorities, who will then do a manual search.

Any suspected controlled substance found will be turned over to the police for testing. Any detected violation of school rules will be handled using school policies found in the handbook. Any detected violation of laws will be handled by, and at the discretion of, investigating law enforcement officers. The school will ensure that there is no interaction between students and the K-9 teams during the search.

## **Student Searches**

The Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, School Counselor(s), and teachers may search students and their personal belongings. If they have a reasonable suspicion, based upon the totality of the circumstances, for suspecting the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or school rules, parents and law enforcement officials will be contacted.

## **Locker Searches**

A student who uses a school locker may not expect privacy in that locker or the locker's contents. The Dean of Students or administrative designee may search student lockers anytime. The Principal may also authorize any other school official or law enforcement officers to search any student locker at any time.

Items forbidden by civil law or school rules which cause or which can be reasonably foreseen to cause interference with the school climate or educational function must not be stored in school lockers.

## **Emergency Drills**

Reitz Memorial High School will follow all state guidelines regarding emergency drills.

- Drills are held periodically; proper procedures are posted in classrooms.
- Drills are not meaningless but are meant to teach safe, orderly, and quiet methods of seeking protection and/or evacuation.
- Silence must be observed at all times throughout the drills.

## **Concussion Policy**

The effects of concussion on a student's return-to-school experience are unique to each student. In most cases, a concussion will not significantly limit a student's participation in school; however, in some cases, a concussion can affect multiple aspects of a student's ability to participate, learn, and perform well in school. Therefore, supporting a student recovering from a concussion requires a collaborative approach among school professionals, healthcare providers, and parents. Students may need both academic and physical limitations in place while recovering from a concussion.

A student with a concussion should be seen by a healthcare professional experienced in evaluating for a concussion. The health care professional can make decisions about a student's readiness to return to school based on the number, type, and severity of symptoms experienced by the student. Once a healthcare professional has given permission for the student to return to the classroom, school professionals can help monitor the student. With proper permission, school professionals can confer on their observations and share those observations with the family and other professionals involved in the student's recovery.

Upon returning to school, the student and parent are required to meet with the Dean of Students or designee, to document restrictions and communicate any needed academic accommodations for the student to the teachers of record. Reitz Memorial High School reserves the right to define what activities a student is allowed to participate in and/or school events to be attended while under the care of a healthcare professional for a concussion.

## **Seclusion And Restraint Policy**

The Diocese of Evansville believes a safe and healthy environment should be provided in which all children can learn, develop, and participate in instructional programs that promote high levels of academic achievement. The purpose of this statement is to ensure that all students and staff are safe in school and that students who may have behavior crises are free from inappropriate use of seclusion or restraint.

Behavioral interventions for children must ensure all children are treated with dignity and respect. This environment should allow all children to be free from physical or mental abuse, aversive behavioral crisis interventions that compromise health and safety, and any physical seclusion or restraint imposed solely for purposes of discipline or convenience.

Seclusion or restraint shall not be used as routine school safety measures; that is, they shall not be implemented except in situations where a child's behavior or action poses an imminent danger of physical harm to self or others and not as a routine strategy implemented to address instructional problems or inappropriate behavior (e.g., disrespect, noncompliance, insubordinate, out of seat), as a means of coercion or retaliation, or as a convenience.

Any use of either seclusion or restraint shall be supervised, short in duration, and used only for the purpose of de-escalating the behavior.

## **School Services**

Students may see the Youth First counselor, the school guidance counselor, or members of the Religion Department for personal guidance, spiritual direction, or discussion about problems that concern them.

Services are available with recommendations and/or referrals through the guidance office and/or administrative staff. Parents may inquire by contacting their son/daughter's school counselor. Students may request services in the Main Office.

## **Asbestos Management Plan**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 required the compilation of all asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) within public and private schools (K-12 grades). This compilation was designed to identify not only if asbestos was present, but its location, amount, and condition. The compiled data, assessments, and recommendations, along with other pertinent information, were to be assembled into an Asbestos Management Plan for each school building.

AHERA also requires that asbestos materials identified in the Management Plan be checked every six months by trained school maintenance personnel and that these materials be re-inspected by accredited asbestos inspectors every three years to ensure that the materials are maintained in a safe condition. The six-month surveillance and the three-year re-inspections must continue for as long as asbestos remains in the building.

The Evansville Catholic Diocese has complied with the AHERA by developing Asbestos Management Plans for each of the Diocesan Schools, including Memorial High School.

The Asbestos Management Plan for Memorial is available for your review. The Plan is located in the Business Manager's office at 1500 Lincoln Avenue. The management plans for all of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville schools are available for your viewing in the Administration Office at 4200 N Kentucky, Evansville, Indiana. The management plan may be copied at a nominal fee of 10 cents per page during regular school hours by notifying the school in advance to prevent scheduling difficulties.

For questions concerning the AHERA Program at Memorial High School, please call 812-476- 4973.

## **Immunizations**

Every student shall be immunized in accordance with Indiana State Department of Health regulations. Records certifying to such immunizations are maintained as part of the student's health record located in the school information system. Updated documentation of student immunizations is due to the school office no later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year. Religious and Medical Exemptions are only valid for one school year and must be provided at the beginning of each school year, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

## **Insurance**

Neither the school, the principal, the teachers, nor the Catholic Diocese of Evansville will be the insurer of a student's health and safety while the student is at school or engaged in school-supervised activities, including sports. Parents or guardians are obligated to provide such insurance as they deem necessary to protect themselves and their students against the costs or other adverse effects of sickness or injury.

## **OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

### **Official School Day**

The school is not officially open until 7:00 a.m. Front doors and doors at the Athletic entrance will be open at 6:30 a.m. Students arriving prior to 7:00 a.m. need to enter through the front doors and remain in the cafeteria until 7:00 a.m. Students are not permitted to open any doors for students or the public wanting entry at any time during the school day.

The school day ends at 2:15 p.m.; there is limited supervision of students after 2:50 p.m. other than those serving detention or participating in an extracurricular activity. No students are to be in the building after 2:50 p.m., unless they are participating in a scheduled activity with supervision. Students needing to wait for transportation should wait by door 1 or by door 11 near the athletic office. Parents unable to arrange for their children to leave the school by 2:50 p.m. must contact the Dean of Student Services.

Memorial operates on a block schedule with four class periods and homeroom at the end of each day. Students will be assigned eight classes. Four of these will meet on blue days, and four will meet on alternating white days. The daily schedule and alternative schedules for special activities and school delays are printed in the front of the school agenda. Weekly and daily announcements will designate blue and white days, along with alternative schedules.

### **Cafeteria**

Reitz Memorial High School participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers a nutritionally balanced lunch daily. Students may choose to bring their lunch each day. Students should not bring glass bottles, soft drinks, or excessive amounts of candy. Parents should not bring lunches or drinks from carry-out restaurants. Any student forgetting a sack lunch will be provided a lunch. Reimbursement for the lunch must be made the next day.

Cafeteria Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Lunch can be brought from home or purchased in the cafeteria. No storage area will be provided for students bringing their lunch. Menus and price lists can be found displayed in the cafeteria or on the Memorial website on the Cafeteria tab under Student Life.



No food is to be brought into the cafeteria from a restaurant or picked up from a delivery service at any time. This includes students returning to campus following appointments. No food or drinks are to be carried out of the cafeteria following breakfast and/or lunch periods. Food and drinks should never be kept in school lockers due to ant and pest infestation. Food should not be passed from the serving line to other students. Line cutting is not permitted.

While waiting in line to be served, students are expected to be orderly and moderately quiet. Students will have a barcode on the back of their student ID to access their account to make a purchase. Chairs are to be returned to their proper places under the table when each student is finished eating. Students are to dispose of their own trash in the receptacles provided and return their trays.

Memorial has a policy that requires students to pay for items classified as "a la carte" by using positive student account balances or cash. If a student does not have a positive account balance or cash, he or she will be asked to return the a la carte items to the cafeteria personnel. Examples of a la carte items include bottled drinks, cookies, chips, etc. Low-balance notifications are emailed out weekly. Parents can monitor cafeteria balances by logging into their PowerSchool/Titan lunch account. All cafeteria accounts are expected to maintain a positive balance.

Parents can fund their child's account balance by submitting a check to the Memorial cafeteria to be deposited into the student's account.

## **Food, and Drink**

In compliance with the Diocesan Wellness Policy, no food may be brought into the school building and taken to classrooms without administrative approval. No classroom celebrations or special occasions can take place in which outside food is consumed without administrative approval.

Bottled water may be brought to classrooms at the teacher's discretion. Water bottles are to be clear and can be refilled at the touchless water dispensers.

## **Backpacks**

Backpacks may be brought to school but must be kept in lockers from the time the student arrives until he or she leaves at the end of the day. Students may carry a small pouch (no larger than 13"x13") for utensils or personal items, and laptops may be carried in a fitted sleeve.

Students who have a medical reason that justifies carrying a backpack to/from class must see the Dean of Student Services to have a backpack pass issued, which must be displayed on the backpack for as long as the medical reason exists. Students carrying a backpack without a backpack tag are in violation of the dress code and will face disciplinary action.

## **Witting Media Center Regulations**

1. The Media Center is a place for silent independent study, research, classroom library assignments, and leisure reading.
2. The Media Center is open before school begins and after school is dismissed; times will be announced in the weekly calendar and/or announcements.

3. Students may go to the Media Center after reporting to Homeroom and/or Study Block if they receive permission and a pass from their teacher and if the Media Center is available.
4. Admission of students to the Media Center will be based on the following:
  - a. Students who are part of a class.
  - b. Students who have an assignment requiring computers or materials found in the Media Center.
  - c. Students wishing to have access to magazines and newspapers for general reading purposes.
  - d. Students seeking a quiet location for study purposes.
5. To maintain an atmosphere conducive to quiet study in the Media Center, students are expected to cooperate in the following areas:
  - a. Leave chairs and tables in their proper places.
  - b. Remember that playing games of any kind, eating, or drinking in the Media Center is unacceptable.
  - c. Leave jackets and coats in student lockers until final dismissal.
  - d. Study individually unless permission has been given for quiet study with another student.
6. Students who create disturbances or misuse the Media Center will forfeit the privilege of using the Media Center for a designated period.

## **Parking and Driving Responsibilities**

Due to the limited availability of parking, juniors and seniors will have priority for parking passes. Sophomore drivers are not guaranteed a parking permit when they receive their driver's license. Any student registered with a valid Memorial parking permit must observe the following regulations:

- A registration form/permission slip with the parents' signature, student's signature, current license plate number, model, and color of the vehicle must be returned to the office of the Dean of Student Services to be kept on file for the school year.
- A parking permit must be obtained for each vehicle registered. If a student parks a car on a school lot other than the registered vehicle, the change must be reported BEFORE SCHOOL to the Dean of Student Services.
- No Cost to register student vehicles at the beginning of the school year or when students receive a license.
- Permits must be visibly displayed on the bottom corner of the driver-side windshield.
- Students driving unregistered vehicles jeopardize their driving privileges.
- Students are never permitted to park in the front circle during the school day.
- The vehicle is to be parked properly in student parking spaces, including the Witting Lot, North Senior Lot (Seniors), East Lot spaces 66-112, and the Villa Maria Lot for SICTC students.
- Spaces marked for visitors, Reserved, or handicapped are off-limits.
- Cars must be always locked. The school cannot assume responsibility for thefts.
- The privilege of parking on the school lot may be IMMEDIATELY REVOKED if, while on school property, the student speeds, drives dangerously, fails to follow proper traffic patterns, or causes any disturbance (such as squealing tires or generates excessive noise of any kind while entering or leaving school property during class time).
- PARKING LOT IS OFF LIMITS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Students must seek permission from the Dean of Student Services office to return to the parking lot during the school day.
- The parking lot is considered private property and will be off-limits by 10:00 p.m. each evening. Only those persons associated with school-sponsored activities will be permitted on school property after hours.

Faculty and staff have assigned parking spaces. Student parking permits are issued out of the Dean of Student Services and are valid only for the year printed on the permit. Students must register their vehicle each year and request a new parking permit.

Some students who drive to school may find it necessary to park on city streets. It is important that Memorial and its students act as good neighbors to those who reside in the general area of the campus. Standards for student behavior are the same in this area as on campus.

- Street parking should abide by the local traffic

## **School Messenger**

School Messenger is our school-to-parent/guardian communication service which allows us to send periodic and personalized messages. This service enables us to deliver important school information in a timely manner. The School Messenger service also supports our ability to reach parents/guardians immediately in the event of an emergency.

Parents/guardians will receive these messages periodically to notify them about important events such as special school activities, meetings, back-to-school nights, early release days, and report card reminders.

## **School Closure**

If it is necessary to close the school, an announcement will be made via a message sent to the contacts of the student via School Messenger. Reitz Memorial High School will follow the decision of their local school public school corporation regarding school closures/delays due to weather.

## **Military Recruitment List Release**

Federal legislation requires secondary schools to provide male and female students' names, addresses, and telephone listings to military recruiters if requested. If a parent wants his or her child's name to be taken from any such list, please notify the Dean of Student Services by the 10th day of the school year.

## **Photos of Students**

Throughout the course of the school year, students may be photographed or videotaped at Memorial or at its functions. The photos or video footage are, at times used for educational or informational purposes regarding the programs at Memorial. It is possible that the photos or video footage may be used in the Memorial Memories magazine or other school publications, the Evansville newspaper, or The Message, on TV news programs, and on the school website. Please note that pictures used on the school website will not identify the student by name. If, for any reason, a parent does not want his/her student photographed or videotaped, please notify the Dean of Student Services in writing by the 10th day of the school year.

## **Student ID**

All students will be issued a student ID to be worn on a school-issued clip. The ID will be required to purchase lunch, check out Media Center materials, print class materials, and use the schools' laptops. Student IDs serve as passes for home athletic events excluding IHSA and SIAC tournaments.

## **Special Areas of the Building**

Food, drinks, and gum are prohibited in the auditorium and in the gym, except during athletic events and performances.

## **ATHLETICS, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND STUDENT PERFORMANCES**

### **Code Of Conduct**

Adopted by Reitz Memorial High School for all students involved in school activities.

It is the belief of the Evansville High School Athletic Council and Reitz Memorial High School, that all students participating in any school function have certain obligations pertaining to their conduct both in and out of their season (365 days). Every student is expected to behave in a manner that brings credit to his/her school, squad, and self. When a student's conduct in or out of school reflects discredit upon the school and/or creates a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, or educational environment in the school, the student may be declared ineligible for further participation.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association's rules must be followed in all cases of eligibility, transfer, physical examinations, insurance coverage, starting dates, use of school equipment, etc.

**School Attendance Requirement:** Students are expected to attend all classes. Students absent from classes will not be allowed to participate in a practice or contest on the day of their absence. Unless excused by the Administration, students must be present for the entire school day to participate in that day's events. Students who are suspended from school may not practice or participate during the time of suspension.

**Conduct Rules:** All students who choose to participate for Evansville High School Athletic Council member schools shall abide by the rules listed below. These are considered to be minimum standards. Individual coaches and/or sponsors may set standards above these minimums by notifying in writing each student participating and the Principal. All accusations of rule violations will be brought to the attention of the athletic director and head coach/sponsor. It is their responsibility to investigate all charges to determine disciplinary action to be taken if necessary.

1. At no time is a student allowed to be under the influence of or be in possession of an alcoholic beverage, tobacco products, or illegal drugs not prescribed by a physician licensed by the State of Indiana, for his or her use. The Code of Conduct is in effect for 365 days and begins with the first day of the first fall sports season of the freshman year.
2. "Possession" is defined as having an alcoholic beverage, tobacco products, or illegal drugs on your person or having an alcoholic beverage, tobacco products, or illegal drug in a vehicle in which the student is driving or is a passenger or being convicted in a court of law of illegal possession of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. Student-athletes are responsible for the contents of their locker or vehicle in which they are driving.

The following penalties will be enforced for a violation of these rules:

**First Offense** – The student-athlete shall be suspended for a minimum of 20% of the scheduled events for that sport/program for that school year. Scrimmages and jamborees are not considered a contest. Canceled contests will not count toward the suspension. Before reinstatement to the sport/program, the student must complete a school-approved substance abuse program at the student's expense.

If the suspension falls near enough to the end of a season that the full penalty of 20% of the contests cannot be assessed, the penalty shall carry over to the next sports season/program in which the student participates.

If the student is not participating at the time of the violation, the student shall be removed from 20% of the contests of the first sport season/program in which the student would normally participate. Attempts to circumvent this rule by going out for another sport/program in which the student does not normally participate will not be tolerated.

**Second Offense** – the student-athlete will be suspended from the team or teams for 365 consecutive days from the date of suspension.

**Third Offense** – the student-athlete will be denied participation for the remainder of his/her high school career.

## **SELF REPORT CLAUSE**

It is the intent of the Evansville High School Athletic Council to assist students and families with developing responsibility for the student's actions and to encourage honesty. Therefore, any athlete who voluntarily reports on him or herself as to a violation of the Code of Conduct, will be permitted leniency on the first offense only. It is the family and student-athletes responsibility to self-report to their coach and athletic director any violation of the Code of Conduct within 24 hours of the incident or by the end of the next student school day. During the summer, the student-athlete must self-report within 24 hours of the incident via an email or phone call to the athletic director.

Student-athletes "self-reporting" guidelines are as follows:

- Self-reporting only applies on the first offense.
- If the student self-reports, the athletic days of suspension will be reduced to 10%.
- In cases of substance abuse, the self-reporting athlete must participate in a substance abuse awareness program with a qualified professional to receive the benefit of this clause. The student-athlete will be educated on the offense.

This code includes standards for student-athletes, managers, cheerleaders, and dance teams and penalties for breaches of these standards. Each athlete is to be given a copy of the policy statement. A parent or guardian and the athlete must sign the form below indicating that they know the rules and pledge to abide by them. Athletes may not practice or participate in any sport until this form is on file in the athletic office.

We have read and understand the Evansville High School Athletic Council Code of Conduct for student-athletes and agree to abide by the rules and procedures of the Athletic Department.

## **School Activities - Athletic, Extracurricular, and Performances**

School and recreational programs are encouraged to foster school and class spirit.

Students who participate in any extracurricular activities are expected to attend all classes. Unexcused absences will prevent a student from participating in a practice or contest on the day of the absence (see Excused Absences). The latest a student may arrive at school and be eligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity that day is 8:05 AM. The Principal or Dean of Student Services must approve exceptions to this rule. Students who are suspended from school may not practice or participate during the time of suspension.

Likewise, students who are too ill to be in school are not allowed to participate in or attend extra-curricular activities, including athletics, on the day of their absence. The Principal or Dean of Student Services must approve exceptions to this rule.

Most social functions of the school close by 11:00 PM.

Students who are in eighth grade or younger are not permitted at Reitz Memorial High School dances. Guests 21 years of age or older may not attend Reitz Memorial High School social functions/dances.

Students may not be admitted to school social affairs after the first hour of the activity has passed. Deviations from this rule must be pre-arranged between the student and the Principal or Dean of Students, who will then notify the chaperones and/or moderator. A sign-in-out sheet will be used at school social activities.

## **Student Behavior at Athletic, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Performances**

Memorial students will be seated at away events in the section(s) assigned by the host school and its officials.

The following behaviors are specifically forbidden at events, both home and away:

- Behaving in such a way during the introduction of participants from the opposing school that would be (or appear to be) rude or discourteous.
- Displaying signs, banners, buttons, badges, or the like except as approved by the school and its officials.
- Cheers that are in bad taste, suggestive, or otherwise offensive are forbidden. The school officials at Reitz Memorial High School reserve the right to make the final decision about the appropriateness of cheers and chants used by the Memorial cheering section.
- Inattentive or rude behavior during the playing of the National Anthem is forbidden.
- Disrespect or rude behaviors at student performances (plays, musicals, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Students who violate the rules of good conduct at extra-curricular events will be subject to the school's disciplinary action and may be removed from the event and/or future events.

The following penalties may be imposed on any Reitz Memorial High School student who is removed from an extra-curricular event by a school official, athletic department representative, or law enforcement official at home or away events:

- Indefinite suspension from attendance at Memorial events (home and away).
- Referral to the Dean of Students and/or Student Services Committee for possible detentions, suspension, probation, or expulsion, depending on the individual case.

## **Regulations For Dances / Events**

**All school rules and regulations apply at dances.**

### **Dress Code**

As a school, we strive to honor God in all aspects of our lives, including how we dress for school functions. We have established the following guidelines to ensure that all students dress modestly and with dignity. Students are encouraged to seek guidance from the Dean of Students or a designated representative before purchasing for school events. We advise students to prioritize modesty and formality in their attire choices. If any student needs clarification about the appropriateness of their dress, they should email a member of the administration or the dance sponsor for approval beforehand. Students who violate this policy will be allowed to enter the event once they meet the appropriate dress requirements.

## **Ladies:**

### **Please take note of the following guidelines for the event:**

- You may wear a dress, skirt/top, or a pantsuit.
- Overall fit should not be too tight or sheer, and undergarment lines should not be visible.
- Dresses must be one piece and have straps over the shoulders. They should cover their legs to at least 6 inches off the knee. Additionally, dresses should cover all parts of the body in such a way that no part of the midriff or cleavage is exposed.
- If your dress has any sheer, lace, or see-through material, it cannot expose areas such as midriff or cleavage.
- Please note that the same dress may meet the criteria for one person but not for another due to differing body types.

## **Gentlemen:**

- Long pants and button-up shirts are required. It is recommended that gentlemen wear a tie and jacket.
- Shirts must be always worn appropriately. This means in the manner the shirt was made to be worn and buttoned.

## **Guest Expectations:**

- Guest passes for non-Memorial high school-age students must be obtained from the Dean of Students and signed by the guests' school and parent/guardian. The guest pass must be completed before purchasing tickets for the dance. Any change to a guest pass must be approved in advance by the Dean of Students.
- The Dean of Students may make exceptions for guests who have graduated high school.
- Memorial students are responsible for the actions of their guests and are subject to disciplinary measures, including suspension and expulsion based on the actions of their guests.
- Guests who arrive with Memorial students after specified arrival times will be subject to substance abuse testing. Any guest who refuses a test will not be permitted to leave and must be picked up by their parent/guardian.
- Guests of Memorial students will be held to the same dress code standards outlined in the dance dress code.

## **Document Links**

[Enrollment Procedures](#)

[Course Description Guide](#)

[NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse](#)

[Wellness Policy](#)