TIME REQUIREMENTS

Classes at LSMSA meet, with a few exceptions, for 50-minute sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, or for 1-hour and 15-minute sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students will do their best work by scheduling regular, daily study times. It is especially important to schedule study time in the non-scheduled times between classes during a school day.

Assignments will be longer than those to which students may be accustomed. Students will rarely be given class time to do assignments. Students will need to learn to use some of their daily hours out of class for doing homework. The Guided Study hours alone will generally not be adequate time.

COURSE LOAD

The minimum course load for each semester is six academic courses of ½ unit or more of credit. Sophomores, and juniors, in the first semester, may take no more than seven courses. No student may take more than eight courses in a semester without permission of the director of academic affairs.

The course load consists of the number of courses being pursued in a semester. Courses not counted toward the course load include: Labs, Physical Education courses not required for graduation, Newspaper, Yearbook, one ¼ credit course, and courses being audited.

The director of academic affairs in collaboration with the department chairs has the final decision on the student's academic schedule. Although not counted as part of a student's "official" load, such activities can be very time consuming. This fact should be taken into account when planning a schedule of classes. The same is true of many other activities, e.g., clubs, intramural and interscholastic sports, and residence hall councils.

In order to be counted as part of a student's course load at LSMSA, a course taken at Northwestern State University must be approved by the LSMSA director of academic affairs.