In keeping with the academic standards established for LSMSA, each student is required to maintain passing grades (C or better). All students are required to participate in Guided Study Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 until 2:00, and in any required study times resulting from Academic Probation (see below) or an Academic Remediation Plan.

The LSMSA classes are designed on the university model regarding number of class meetings, depth of material, and syllabi. Please note that the syllabus of the class is the basis of expectations between the teacher and the student. The syllabi will state the course requirements, grading scale, attendance policy, as well as dates of major tests, papers, and/or assignments. It is the responsibility of the students to be aware of these dates. Each student must enroll in six - eight academic courses per semester; therefore, it is possible that several major tasks will be due on or around the same date. It is imperative that the students maintain a daily planner that will help him/her plan the semester's work. It is also advised that the parents request their student to copy the syllabi of each of his/her classes to share with the parents. This will facilitate the parents being aware of the academic responsibilities of their student.

A student with four (4) D's at the end of any semester will not be allowed to return to LSMSA. Multiple D's at any 9-week grading period constitutes sufficient grounds for return to the home school. **Even a single D, particularly in a required course, can jeopardize a student's prospect for graduation and thus become grounds for his/her dismissal from LSMSA.** When a student is not academically successful, he/she is placed on academic probation.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Any student who receives a D in any course at the end of any 9-week grading period shall automatically be placed on Academic Probation for the following grading period.

Terms of Academic Probation:

1. Required participation in academic support groups and Guided Study in the high school building.
2. Restrictions on participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular or other activities (such as trips or competitions) as determined by the director of academic affairs in consultation with the counseling staff, the student's assigned advisor, and the instructors.
3. Additional monitoring of a student's time as needed.
4. A student on Academic Probation may not serve as a club president during that nine weeks, nor can he/she be assigned any duties or responsibilities of the club.

ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

LSMSA recognizes that the school's unusually rigorous learning environment is not appropriate for all students. Many factors are involved in the success or lack of success of the student including, but not limited to, inherent ability, work ethic, level of commitment, effort, family support, willingness to seek and accept help, prior opportunities, and the ability to adjust to the communal life of dormitory living. LSMSA assumes the right and responsibility to evaluate student performance to determine whether continued enrollment at LSMSA is in the best interest of a particular student.

The Academic Review Committee is charged with the responsibility to evaluate student

performance and make recommendations to the executive director regarding continued enrollment, including re-invitation at the end of the current academic year.

The evaluations made by the Academic Review Committee occur at the end of each grading period. It is the intent of the Committee to gather as much information as possible that has bearing on the academic performance of each student. While extenuating circumstances may be taken into account, such circumstances will not necessarily dictate the outcome of any assessment. While it is the desire of the Committee and the school that all enrolled students graduate from LSMSA, there are times when the best help that can be given a student is to aid in a smooth transition to another learning environment.

The Academic Review Committee will also make recommendations to the executive director regarding the graduation status of individuals who may fail, during or at the end of their last semester, to complete all requirements for graduation in the time and manner expected. (see "Graduation Process")

FORGIVENESS POLICY

Since the academic transcript reflects the complete curricula undertaking of an individual, students retaking a course to try to better their letter grade will have both courses listed on their transcript. The last grade earned will be calculated in the student's grade point average.