

# Louisiana R-II School District

## A+ Program Citizenship Guidelines

Students participating in the A+ Schools Program must maintain a record of "good citizenship" to qualify for post secondary financial assistance. Good citizenship is demonstrated by respect for school, community, and self. Any student who participates in the A+ Schools Program must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for participation. A student whose character or conduct reflects credit upon him/herself and/or his/her satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

During second semester of the student's senior year, a "Citizenship Eligibility Report" will be presented to the appropriate principal. The principal will determine eligibility by indicating on the form whether or not the student has maintained "good citizenship." If the student's citizenship record is acceptable, a form will be placed in the student's A+ folder. An A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee will be assembled to rule on exceptions or unique situations.

### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

The parent will be notified by the A+ Schools Office if disqualification results from any of the following:

- I. Suspension due to chronic discipline violations and/or suspension resulting in (10) or more days and/or with additional days added by the superintendent.
- II. Possession, use, sale or transfer of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or any substances represented to be such.
- III. Possession of drug paraphernalia
- IV. Assault
- V. False fire alarm/bomb threats and misuse of emergency equipment.
- VI. Criminal Activity as defined by the Safe Schools Act:
  1. First and second degree murder
  2. Kidnapping
  3. First and second degree assault
  4. Forcible rape and sodomy
  5. First and second degree burglary
  6. Robbery
  7. Distribution of drugs
  8. First degree arson
  9. Voluntary/involuntary manslaughter
  10. Sexual assault
  11. Felonious restraint
  12. Property damage
  13. Possession of a weapon (under weapon provisions of Chapter 571 Missouri Revised Statutes)
  14. Child molestation
  15. Deviate sexual assault
  16. Sexual misconduct involving a child
  17. Sexual abuse

### **DISCIPLINARY APPEAL PROCESS:**

The following process may be used by students/parents to appeal a disciplinary decision that may affect the student's A+ qualification:

- I. Students/parents may appeal a disqualification decision that is made dealing with discipline or probation. Anyone making an appeal should use the "A+ Appeal of Citizenship Form" available from the A+ Schools Coordinator.
- I. The basis of the appeal must be submitted in writing through the office of the A+ Schools Coordinator. The students/parents may make the appeal in writing or make a presentation before the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee.
- II. Upon receiving a written appeal, the A+ Schools Coordinator will convene the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee composed of the following:
  - The Guidance Counselor
  - The Principal
  - A teacher from the high school
  - The Superintendent

The A+ Coordinator will act as facilitator and a non-voting member of the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee unless the decision results in a tie vote. After the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee reaches a decision, the A+ Schools Coordinator will notify the parents. If the appeal decision is not acceptable to the parent, additional appeals must be in writing to the Superintendent and then to the Board of Education.

### **CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENT FOR A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

All A+ Schools participants must sign and return this acknowledgement of the A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines to the A+ Schools Office.

We have received, studied, and understand the A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement must be on file to complete student's enrollment in the A+ Schools Program.