

## **Lee's Summit R-7 School District** **A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines**

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To be eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program requires certain behaviors and attitudes. Specifically, students who participate in the A+ Schools Program must be good citizens and be judged so by the proper school authority.

A student whose character or conduct is such as to discredit him/herself or his/her school is not considered a good citizen. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program should remember not only the financial rewards, but also the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it.

The following criteria regarding the school's discipline policy will serve as a measurable indicator of respect for self, school, and good citizenship:

- 1. Criminal Activity:** Students who are convicted of a felony will not qualify.
- 2. Substance Abuse:** Students shall not possess or use alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Any violation (possession, use, manufacture, sale or transportation) that results in suspension (ISS or OSS) will result in immediate and permanent removal from the program.
- 3. Violations of Safe Schools Act:** Students who are disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Act of 1996 will lose eligibility for the A+ Schools Program. These violations include, but are not limited to assault, weapons possession, and drug distribution.
- 4. Suspension:** Students will lose eligibility for the program if they accumulate fifteen (15) days of suspension (ISS or OSS) during their high school career for offenses other than alcohol/drugs or violations of the Safe Schools Act.

**Due Process:** Students, (other than those removed for numbers 1, 2, or 3 as explained above), who feel that they have been declared ineligible for the A+ Program unfairly may appeal to the A+ Schools Appeals Committee. In cases of appeal the student/parent/guardian must notify the A+ Schools Coordinator in writing of his/her intent to appeal. The A+ Schools Coordinator shall then convene a committee for consideration of the appeal. The committee shall hear the appeal and return its decision to the student. The decision of the committee will be final. The A+ Schools Appeal Committee will consist of the following individuals: Assistant Principals in charge of A+ Schools at each high school, each A+ Schools Coordinator, and one at-large faculty member from each school. The A+ Coordinator from the school at which the student in question is enrolled will facilitate the appeal, but will not be involved in the voting process. Appeals will be considered at semester or the end of the school year when the student is declared ineligible

Students may appeal the A+ Appeals Committee's decision to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

By signing below, the student and parent/guardian are indicating they understand and agree to the A+ citizenship guidelines listed above.

Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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