

DaVinci Academy of Science and The Arts

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POLICY TITLE: Citizenship Credit

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1. Citizenship Credit: The citizenship requirement for high school graduation is based on attitude and behavior. Unsatisfactory “U” Citizenship grades must be made up each quarter. A student can accrue no more than two “U” citizenship grades on their transcript.

A. The citizenship grade is an indication of classroom behavior. A grade of H = Honors, S = Satisfactory, N = Needs Improvement, and U = Unsatisfactory.

B. A student may have no more than two “U” Citizenship grades during their four years of high school in order to graduate.

C. A U citizenship grade may be given for

- Two (2) truanancies (un-excused absences) per trimester
- Excessive tardiness (more than 3)
- A combination of tardies and unexcused absences equal to or greater than 5
- Negative behavior such as blatant disrespect for a teacher or other school personnel
- Disruption of learning activities
- Using excessive vulgarity or abusive language
- Cheating and/or plagiarism

D. Classroom behavior shall be appropriate and not disruptive. Behavior problems are referred to the administration using established procedures. An uncorrected series of negative behaviors or one serious incident of negative behavior may result in loss of teacher/administrative citizenship credit. Serious negative behavior might include, but not be limited to conduct such as:

- Repeated incidents of disruptive or non-productive behavior. Obvious disrespect for school authorities or staff members. Direct or willful disobedience of school rules and policies.
- Use of vulgarity or profanity.
- Possession, use or being under the influence of a controlled substance, or possession or use of tobacco.
- Fighting.
- Theft or destruction of property.

2. Intervention Program:

A. Parents or guardians will be notified of a students citizenship by:

- a. A phone call home
- b. An attendance report on mid-term and report cards
- c. Through DASA web page via SIS logon.

3. Fee Scale: Students making up “U” grades from transcripts will be charged according to the following fee scale:

Unsatisfactory “U” citizenship grades must be made up each quarter through payment of the following sliding scale fines (per each “U” grade):

First U	\$25
Second U	\$45
Third U	\$60
Fourth U	\$70
Each U Thereafter	\$75

4. Citizenship Class:**Citizenship Class Procedure**

Faculty and administration can send students to Citizenship Class for (including but not limited to) the following reasons:

1. Student failure to return homework.
2. Student receiving a failing citizenship grade in any class.
3. Student truancy or other attendance issues, including tardies.
4. Student misbehavior in class as determined by teacher.
5. Student insubordination.
6. Dress code violation.

Students can also choose to avoid paying fines for “U” citizenship grades by choosing to attend citizenship class before final grades are posted.

Students who are misbehaving or disrespecting during school time are preventing themselves and others from performing at the high academic standards of the DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts.

This is an opportunity to support students and teachers of the DaVinci Academy towards attaining higher academic achievement by correcting misbehavior, reinforcing assigned class work, and enforcing the attendance policy of our learning environment.