



Scott City R-I

A+ Schools Citizenship Guidelines

To be eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program requires certain behaviors and attitudes. Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program must be a good citizen and be judged so by the proper school authorities.

A student whose character or conduct is such as to discredit his/her school is not considered a good citizen. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. A student who participates 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:

Criminal Activity: A student who is convicted of a verifiable misdemeanor or felony may result in ineligibility. (Addendum 1)

Substance Abuse: A student shall not possess or use alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances. Any violation of the student alcohol/drug policy may result in loss of eligibility. (Addendum 1)

Suspension: A student will lose A+ eligibility if he/she accumulates more than eight (8) days of suspension (ISS and OSS) during his/her high school career. Suspension records for eligible students who transfer from another district will be used to determine eligibility.

Violations of Safe Schools Act: A student who is 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.

Due Process: A student who believes that he/she has 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 within 10 days of receiving the written ineligibility letter. An A+ Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal and return its decision to the student. The A+ Schools Appeals Committee will consist of the principal and two faculty members. The decision of the committee can be appealed to the Scott City R-I Board of Education. The A+ Coordinator will facilitate the appeal but will not be involved in the voting process.

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

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name (printed)

Date

(Addendum 1) If approved by the A+ Advisory Committee, an offending student may be put on probation for the remainder of his/her high school career **AND** must adhere to the probationary guidelines set forth by the A+ Advisory Committee. Probationary guidelines are as follows: 1) Create an educational presentation to present to elementary or middle school students, 2) Complete twenty hours of community service that will take place on school grounds, and 3) Write a personal reflection to be presented to the A+ Advisory Committee. Students placed on probation will be provided a timeline to complete the requirements from the A+ Committee. Upon final approval that all probationary criteria have been satisfied, the student will be taken off probation the day he/she graduates. *Any violation of the Citizenship Guidelines while on probation will result in an automatic dismissal from the A+ Schools Program.*

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Variation Term:

The A+ Advisory Committee has the right to make modifications to this contract that are essential in maintaining the integrity of the A+ Program. The most current version will be located on our district website. Your continued involvement in the A+ Program will be your acceptance of any modifications. *Addendum 1* and *Variation Term* added March 26, 2012