

Smithton R-VI A+ Schools Program

Citizenship Guidelines

Students participating in the A+ 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+ 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 himself/herself or his/her school is considered a creditable citizen and is therefore eligible to participate in the A+ Program. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline. Students who participate in the A+ Program should remember the financial rewards described in the Student Agreement and the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it. The rewards are great, but those rewards come at the price of proper behavior.

Ineligibility may occur from one of the following:

1. Criminal Activity: A student who is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, a suspended sentence, or an adverse disposition may not qualify.
2. Non-prescribed Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco: Students who are disciplined for being under the influence, distribution of, or possession of drugs/alcohol/tobacco may not qualify.
3. Suspensions: Students who are suspended from school may not qualify.

Automatic ineligibility will occur from the following:

1. Violations of the Safe Schools Act: Students who are disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Act will be removed from the A+ Program. These violations include threats, possession of a weapon, and violence.

Due Process:

Students have the right to appeal. In cases of appeals, the student and parent/guardian must notify the A+ Program Director in writing of his/her intent to appeal within 10 days of disqualification. The A+ Program Director will convene a meeting of the committee for consideration of the appeal within 10 days. The committee will hear the appeal and return its decision to the student within 5 days. The decision of the appeal committee will be final. The committee will consist of the following members:

- High School Administrator
- High School Counselor
- Representatives from the A+ Advisory Board
- A+ Program Director

A+ Program – Citizenship Agreement

All A+ Participants must sign and return this acknowledgement of the A+ Schools Program Citizenship guidelines to the A+ Program Director. A copy will be provided for your records.

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

Student Signature _____ Student Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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

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