

Belton High School A+ Citizenship Policy

The Belton School District #124 mission statement is as follows:
“We will not tolerate violence, disrespect, harassment, intimidation or retaliation”

Participation in the A+ Schools Program is both an honor and a privilege. Good citizenship is a measure of the quality of conduct in school and away from school. All of the A+ School’s financial assistance eligibility factors are indicators of good citizenship. A+ participants are expected to exhibit standards of behavior which will bring credit to themselves, the A+ Schools Program, the school and community.

To qualify for the A+ financial incentive, a student’s behavior shall be in compliance with Board of Education policies, the guidelines in the student handbook, the A+ guidelines, the Safe Schools Act and the state and local regulations and laws.

CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Student discipline records will be reviewed at the end of each semester. The class principal will update each A+ student’s citizenship status on a semester basis with the A+ Coordinator. Updated information will be used to satisfy the citizenship requirement of the A+ Schools Program.

Citizenship/discipline violations that may jeopardize a student’s A+ status include, but are not limited, to the following:

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION:

Any student who receives discipline referrals for poor behavior, disrespect, profanity, dishonesty, fighting, etc, which result in an accumulation of five days ISS, will be reviewed and counseled at the end of the semester. An accumulation of five additional days ISS will result in a student being placed on probation. An accumulation of five additional days ISS will result in immediate removal from the A+ Schools Program.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS:

Any students displaying a pattern of OSS will result in immediate removal from the A+ financial program. A student who receives one or more OSS days will be

reviewed and counseled at the end of the semester. A student who receives an accumulation of five days of OSS will automatically be placed on probation. Any accumulation of additional days the student will be removed from the A+ Schools Program.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS:

In compliance with the regulations of Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education A+ Schools Program, a student will be removed immediately from the A+ Schools Program and thus forfeit the opportunity to receive funds through the program for any for the following:

Drugs/Alcohol/Substance Abuse:

- Violation of the Belton School District #124 Drugs/Alcohol/Substance Abuse policy outlined in the board policy during the A+ contract time.
- Unlawful possession and/or selling of drugs or alcohol which is formally reported to the school through the Safe Schools Act

Violation of Local, State or Federal Criminal Laws

- Conviction of a felony
- Conviction of criminal activity which is formally reported to the school by the juvenile officer as defined by the Safe Schools Act. Convictions include:

First and second-degree murder	First-degree arson
Kidnapping	Voluntary/involuntary manslaughter
First and second-degree assault	Sexual assault
Forcible rape or sodomy	Felonious restraint
First-degree burglary	First-degree property damage
Robbery	Distribution of drugs to a minor
Distribution of drugs	Possession of a weapon Provision of Chapter 571 Missouri revised statutes

CITIZENSHIP REVIEW PROCESS

Students/parents will have 15 calendar days to appeal the student's discipline record with the A+ Coordinator.

Review/Action

The review committee, consisting of the class principal, counselor, a teacher and the A+ Coordinator will respond in one of two ways to the citizenship appeal:

- Grant a waiver of the citizenship/discipline issues
- Deny a waiver of the appealed citizenship/discipline issues

Students/parents will be invited to attend the review committee meeting. The A+ Coordinator will make notification of the appeals decision to the student and parent/guardian.

Appeals of the review committee decision may be made to the Superintendent and the Board of Education in writing within 15 calendar days of the notification. Appeals after 15 days will not be considered. The superintendent will make notifications of the appeals decision to the student and parent/guardian.