

A+ CITIZENSHIP POLICY
Houston High School
Houston, MO

An important component of the A+ Schools program is the fostering of good citizenship in our district's students. A student demonstrates good citizenship by showing respect for self, law, property, and the rights of others. Students have not demonstrated good citizenship if they have:

1. Pled guilty or *nolo contendere* (no contest) to, received a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended execution of sentence for, or been convicted or found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony.
2. Unlawfully used or possessed drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol on or off school property during the three-year period immediately prior to graduation.
3. Had an out of school suspension during the three-year period immediately prior to graduation.
4. Violated the district's rules governing academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating, etc.)
5. Received a second discipline referral resulting in In-School Suspension during the three-year prior immediately prior to graduation.

Students who have a signed A+ Participation Agreement are reviewed by the A+ Coordinator on a semester basis. Students who have not violated the above stated objectives remain in good standing in regards to citizenship. Students who have violated the above stated objectives are reviewed by the Houston High School A+ Citizenship Committee (Principal, A+ Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and one or two high school teachers). The following sanctions may be imposed on the student by the committee:

- A. **A+ Warning:** A letter to the students' parent/guardian and a conference between the student and A+ Coordinator.
- B. **A+ Probation:** A letter to the students' parent/guardian and a conference between the student and A+ Coordinator which places the student on 90 school days probation. Any further violation of the citizenship policy during the probationary period will result in the student being terminated from the A+ Program.
- C. **A+ Termination:** A letter to the students' parent/guardian and a conference between the student and A+ Coordinator which removes the student from the A+ Program.

APPEALS

An A+ students' parent/guardian may appeal a student's termination from the A+ Program. An appeals form is attached with each termination letter when mailed to the parent/guardian. This appeal is made to the Houston R-1 School Superintendent. If the parent/guardian does not agree with the Superintendent's decision, they may appeal his/her decision to the Houston Board of Education or to a committee of board members appointed by the president of the board and given the authority to act for the board. The board or the board's committee will hear the appeal in closed session and will notify the parent/guardian of its decision in writing.

Student	Date	Parent/Guardian	Date
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