

Pleasant Hope High School A+ Program Citizenship Requirements

Students participating in the A+ Program must maintain a record of "good citizenship" to qualify for post-secondary financial assistance. To qualify for the A+ financial incentive, a student's behavior shall be in compliance with Board of Education policies, the Pleasant Hope School guidelines on student discipline as outlined in the student handbook, the A+ School guidelines, the Safe Schools Act, and state and local regulations and laws. **Any violation of these may result in the immediate withdraw from the A+ schools program.** Participation in the A+ schools financial assistance program is an **honor and privilege** and will be treated as such. Students in the A+ program are expected to conform to a higher standard of conduct than is applicable to non-participants.

At the end of each semester student discipline records will be reviewed. Student discipline records will be maintained throughout their four years of high school. Disciplinary infractions may result in the student being considered "out of compliance" with the A+ Citizenship Standard. "Out of compliance" means that the student has shown a pattern of repeated disruptive behavior, either through referrals, ISS or OSS assignments. Students who are considered "out of compliance" with the Citizenship Standards will be notified of their citizenship standing. Once a student has been deemed "out of compliance" it does not mean he/she will be eliminated from participating in the A+ program.

A student will be considered "out of compliance" of the citizenship standard and may forfeit the opportunity to participate in the A+ School Program for any of the following:

- **In-School Suspension (ISS):** If a student has accumulated more than three (3) days of ISS during the school year, the student will be placed on probation for a period of 45 days from the date of the most recent offense. Parents will be notified in writing of the student's probationary period.
- **Out-School Suspension (OSS) or expulsion:** 1st offense for OSS will result in probation for 45 school days from the offense. For the 2nd offense of OSS or for expulsion a student will lose their A+ Incentive eligibility. Parents will be notified in writing for the probation of the student and/or if the student is being removed from the A+ program.
Probationary Period: if a student receives any additional ISS or OSS suspensions while in the probationary period, the decision to remove the student from the A+ program will be made by the A+ coordinator. If removed, the student would have the right to appeal the decision before a committee comprised of the principal, A+ coordinator, counselor, and two (2) faculty members.
- **Confidentiality:** If a student breaks their confidentiality agreement for A+ tutoring, this will be an *immediate* dismissal from the A+ program.

Appeals Process:

- If a student is deemed "out of compliance" the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified in writing. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) have the right to appeal the decision to remove the student from the A+ program.
- The parents/guardians have 10 school days from the date of the letter of notification to send the proper paperwork (included with the letter) to the A+ coordinators office. 10 school days from the day the A+ coordinator receives the notification form, an appeals committee (principal, A+ coordinator, counselor and two (2) teachers will meet and make a decision to allow the student to stay or be permanently removed from the A+ program. If the student has been removed from the program, the parent may appeal to the superintendent. If the superintendent up holds the decision made by the committee, the parent/guardian can make a final appeal to the school board. Once the board's decision has been made, it is considered final.
- *** No appeal may be made if there is no response within the 10 school days from the date the first letter of notification was written to the parents/guardians.**

"I understand that failure to abide by the A+ Program Citizenship Policy regulations will result in the student's removal from the A+ Program. I have received and understand the citizenship policies set forth by the Pleasant Hope A+ Schools Policy."

Student Name (printed) _____ Parent Name (printed) _____

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

