

## CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

This section of the manual explains the requirement for good citizenship. Participation in the A+ Schools Program is an honor and unique privilege for North Shelby High School students. Disciplinary probation is used with the understanding that even the best students make mistakes. Probation is designed to recognize this characteristic in young people. **However, receiving the A+ Financial Incentive is an honor and should be treated as such. Students who are designated A+ Students should demonstrate distinctive qualities and be role models for other students. Their character and ethics should be of the highest standards.**

*Student eligibility for the A+ Schools Financial Incentives is based on their ability to meet specific requirements with one of those requirements being: “A student must maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs/alcohol.”*

- I. An A+ Student will not sell, possess or use any controlled substance or drug paraphernalia as defined by law and stated in the North Shelby A+ Handbook and the board policy. The use of prescription medicines is allowed under board policy. Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for understanding and following those guidelines.
- II. Students enrolled in the A+ Schools Program must follow rules of citizenship established in the North Shelby A+ Handbook, board policy, and the Safe Schools Act.
- III. Violations of paragraphs I and/or II will result in an administrative review and one of the following:
  - a. The review may indicate the need for no further action.
  - b. The student may be placed on A+ disciplinary probation.
  - c. The student may be dismissed from the A+ Program and will then not be eligible for the A+ Financial Incentive.

**REGARDLESS OF THE FOUR YEAR DISCIPLINE RECORD, THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM:**

- Possession, use, sale, or transfer of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Criminal activity as defined by the Safe Schools Act
  - ☒ first and second degree murder
  - ☒ kidnapping
  - ☒ first and second degree assault
  - ☒ forcible rape or sodomy
  - ☒ first and second degree burglary
  - ☒ first degree robbery
  - ☒ distribution of drugs
  - ☒ distribution of drugs to a minor
  - ☒ first degree arson
  - ☒ voluntary/involuntary manslaughter
  - ☒ sexual assault
  - ☒ felonious restraint
  - ☒ first degree property damage
  - ☒ possession of a weapon
  - ☒ first degree child molestation
  - ☒ deviate sexual assault
  - ☒ sexual misconduct involving a child
  - ☒ sexual abuse

Other violations as stated in the North Shelby A+ Handbook and the school handbook:

- Abuse to staff of a threatening nature (verbal, written, electronic, etc.)
- Extortion
- Theft (\$50 or more)
- Willful damage to school, staff, or student property (\$500 or more)
- Sexual harassment
- False fire alarm/bomb threats/911 calls

**THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WILL RESULT IN PERIODS OF PROBATION AFTER THE FIRST TIME AND AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL FROM THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM ON THE SECOND OFFENSE:**

- Academic Dishonesty
- Verbal Abuse to Staff of a disrespectful nature
- Possession and/or Use of Tobacco
- Theft (less than \$50)

**THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WILL RESULT IN A WARNING THE FIRST TIME, PROBATION THE SECOND TIME, AND DISMISSAL AFTER THE THIRD OFFENSE:**

- Careless Driving
- Use of Obscene Language

## STUDENT APPEAL PROCESS

1. The student and his or her parents/guardians will be notified by certified mail of the student's dismissal from the program.
    - a. The student and his or her parents/guardians may appeal the student's dismissal from the program by submitting written notice of the appeal to the A+ Coordinator **no later than ten school/business days** (excluding weekends and holidays when school is not in session) **after receipt of the certified letter notifying the student of his or her dismissal from the A+ Program.**
    - b. After receiving the "letter of appeal," the A+ Coordinator will convene the A+ Citizenship/Appeals Panel (see below) and the A+ Coordinator and principal to serve as non-voting moderators, to hear the student's appeal. The parent(s) and child have the right to address the committee. The decision will be based on the majority vote of the members present.
    - c. The student and his or her parents/guardians will be notified by certified mail of the committee's decision.
  2. The student and his or her parents/guardians may appeal the committee's decision to the North Shelby Board of Education for a final decision.
    - a. The student and his or her parents/guardians may appeal the committee's decision by submitting written notice of the appeal to the Board of Education **no later than ten school/business days** (excluding weekends and holidays when school is not in session) **after receipt of the certified letter notifying the student of the committee's decision.**
    - b. The student and his or her parents/guardians may submit the written notice in the form of a letter. The original appeal will be submitted to the Board of Education with the letter.
    - c. The appeal will be considered at the next regularly scheduled board meeting following receipt of the written notice. The appeal will be conducted in accordance with policies set forth by the Board of Education. The decision will be based on the majority vote of the members present.
    - d. The decision of the Board will be final, and no further appeal will be permitted.

The A+ Citizenship/Attendance Appeals Panel will consist of the following members:  
Paula Perry  
Greg Linberger  
Carl Donath  
Beverly Maddex  
Donna Henderson
- Board Approved: October 17, 2001  
Reviewed: September 16, 2002  
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Board Approved: October 15, 2003  
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