

A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The East Carter County R-II School District will follow the requirements as established by state law and regulation for the implementation and administration of the A+ Schools Program. The district shall employ an A+ Schools Program coordinator, as required by law.

Program Goals

The East Carter County R-II School District has established the following goals and performance standards:

1. All students graduate from high school.
 - < The percentage of students who drop out of school will not be above 3%
2. All students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and for which there are identified learning expectations.
 - < The courses offered to East Carter County R-II High School students will regularly be reviewed to ensure that a quality and challenging program of studies are available for students.
 - < The courses offered to East Carter County R-II High School students will have identifiable learner expectations which are articulated throughout the grade levels.
3. All students proceed from high school graduation to a college, postsecondary career technical school or high-wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.
 - < The percentage of East Carter County R-II High School students enrolling in postsecondary schools, or who proceed to high wage jobs with workplace skill development opportunities, will increase by 2% when compared to the average of the previous four years.
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Citizenship Component

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:

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1. Pled guilty or *nolo contendere* (no contest) to, received a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended execution of sentence for, agreed to a deferred prosecution 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.).

Participation Agreement, Discipline and Appeal

All students wishing to participate in the A+ program must submit a completed A+ participation agreement. If the coordinator determines that a student who has submitted a participation agreement has violated the terms of that agreement or district policies or procedures regarding A+ participation, the coordinator will notify the student in writing and may put the student on probation or expel the student from the program. The student or the student's parents/guardians may appeal expulsions from this program, in accordance with written district procedures, to the 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 student's appeal in closed session and will notify the student of its decision.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: IGBD, At-Risk Students

Legal Refs: ' 160.545, RSMo.

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