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Section: Students

Title: A+ **Scholarship** Program

Number: JFCL – Critical

Legal Refs: Section 160.545, RSMo.
5 C.S.R. 20-100.200
6 C.S.R. 10-2.190

Adopted:

The Park Hill School District encourages its students to further their education and training after they graduate from the district. For that reason, the district will participate in the state A+ Scholarship Program to provide students an opportunity to pursue postsecondary education at a low cost or earn college credit while in high school. The district will follow the requirements as established by state law and regulation for the implementation and administration of the A+ **Scholarship** Program. The district shall employ **a coordinator for the program**, as required by law.

Program Goals

The Park Hill School District has established the following goals and performance standards, **and will establish metrics to measure them:**

1. All students graduate from high school.
2. All students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and for which there are identified learning expectations.
3. All students proceed from high school graduation to a college, postsecondary career-technical school or high-wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.

Citizenship Component

An important component of the A+ **Scholarship** 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, while in grades nine through twelve, they **accumulate 10 days or more of out-of-school suspension**.

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Participation Agreement, Discipline and Appeal

All students wishing to participate in the A+ Scholarship 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 based on citizenship or attendance violations, in accordance with written district procedures, to the A+ appeals hearing committee. The A+ appeals hearing committee is comprised of the A+ coordinators, at least two high school administrators, and at least two teachers. If the student or the student's parents/guardians disagree with the decision of the A+ appeals hearing committee, they may make a final appeal to the superintendent or designee.

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