**MSBA Core Manual**

**Basic Policy Management Services**

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| **Policy JFCL: A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** | **Status:** ADOPTED |
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The 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. The district will follow the requirements established by state law and regulation for the implementation and administration of its A+ Scholarship Program.  
  
The district shall employ an A+ Scholarship coordinator, as required by law. The coordinator will be responsible for implementing this policy and the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program.

### Program Goals

The district is committed to ensuring that:

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. Students demonstrate 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 have:

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.
3. Been suspended for more than ten days.
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+ Scholarship Program for postsecondary education after high school 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 notify the student of its decision.  
  
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## Policy Reference Disclaimer:

 These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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| **State** | **Description** |
| § 160.545, RSMo. | [State Statute](https://revisor.mo.gov/main/Home.aspx) |
| 5 C.S.R. 20-100.200 | [State Regulation](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp) |
| 6 C.S.R. 10-2.190, .195 | [State Regulation](https://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp) |

**Cross References**

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| **Code** | **Description** |
| IGBD-1 | [AT RISK STUDENTS](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=36031111&revid=M5FhBrN4N2MLCwwL644mslshA==) |
| IGCE-1 | [NONTRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION OPTIONS](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=36031111&revid=82tpdYbzCvixkPb5jqYQ6A==) |
| IGCE-2 | [NONTRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION OPTIONS](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?S=36031111&revid=SlrKM2mFgaJkdp5xGRdrlA==) |