

WASATCH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of ...

Policy and Responsibility

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Subject: WASATCH HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP POLICY

Citizenship performance is a significant aspect of public education. The purpose of the Citizenship Policy is to reinforce appropriate behavior and change inappropriate behavior. Students are expected to be good citizens inside and outside the classroom and are subject to evaluation by the administration and staff. Students will earn a citizenship grade in each class per term as well as a general citizenship grade which will be given by the administration.

Student Responsibilities, Rights and Rules of Conduct

Students will always be treated with respect and as young adults. They will be expected to act accordingly. Students have the right to learn, and student conduct should not interfere with the learning process. If there are any questions regarding school procedures, please discuss your concerns with a teacher or administrator.

Student behavior should have a positive influence on the learning environment in the school. Students should strive to practice the six Wasatch County Schools Character Development Traits, which are **Caring, Trust, Respect, Responsibility, Citizenship and Integrity**. Students may earn "Outstanding" or "Satisfactory" citizenship grades by exhibiting these positive character traits. Additionally, students demonstrating outstanding citizenship may be recognized through the school's Character Development Program.

Students may earn "Unsatisfactory" citizenship grades for any of the following infractions:

1. Defiant behavior or conduct that undermines the learning environment of a class or of the school.
2. Willful destruction, vandalism or theft of school or individual property while at school or at a school activity.
3. Irresponsible or disrespectful behavior on campus, in a bus, or while attending a school activity.
4. Physical or verbal abuse directed toward other students or toward school personnel.
5. Any act of dishonesty related to school work or to participation in school sponsored classes, activities or events.
6. Any violation of the Wasatch School District Safe Schools Policy.

Obviously, the items listed do not exhaust all types of behavior which would be considered inappropriate. Every individual must consider the effect his or her behavior has on the rights and feelings of others. If the effect is intrusive, detrimental, or otherwise offensive to others, the particular behavior must be deemed in error.

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Responsibilities and Rights of Teachers

Teachers are expected to maintain a positive climate of teacher/student interaction and communications. Teachers are also expected to model the Wasatch School District Character Development Traits at all times. Teachers have the right to teach without hindrance of student misbehavior.

Teachers will:

1. Establish and discuss specific student expectations and class rules used in determining class citizenship grades. The District Character Development traits of **Caring, Trust, Respect, Responsibility, Citizenship and Integrity** should be an integral part of the citizenship grade.
2. Counsel and work with students as problem situations develop.
3. Contact parent/guardian and discuss situations and possible solutions when problems arise.
4. Confer with administrators when efforts to correct problems have not been successful.
5. Assess the citizenship of each student at the end of each grading period by giving a citizenship grade and at least one related comment on a character trait.
6. Provide ways for the student to make up the "U" grade (including written apologies for inappropriate behavior when needed, service projects assigned, etc.), or allow the administration to assign makeup.

Responsibilities and Rights of Parents/Guardians

The involvement and support of parents/guardians is critical in the process of promoting and developing productive student behavior. Parents/guardians may enhance the success of their student by practicing the District Character Education traits in the home. They have the right to expect that Wasatch High will strive to teach these traits to their student as they relate to the school and in preparation for adult roles. Parents/guardians are expected to:

1. Make a reasonable effort to be aware of behavioral expectations for their students at school through reviewing materials that are sent home and through conferencing with teachers and administrators as becomes necessary.
2. Cooperate with the school in helping their students develop and maintain behavioral habits that will foster school success.
3. Communicate with the school when they have questions or concerns.

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Responsibilities of Administrators

School level administrators will be expected to do the following:

1. Publish the Citizenship Policy for students and distribute a copy to student/parents/guardian at least once per year.
2. Contact parents/guardian when inappropriate behaviors occur in a setting that is outside a teacher's jurisdiction or when referred by a teacher.
3. Conference, as needed, with parents/guardian, student, and/or teacher in an effort to improve student behavior and negotiate makeup.
4. Utilize appropriate interventions in an effort to help students improve their behavior.
5. See that a citizenship grade is assigned to each student per term for overall school citizenship.
6. See that activity eligibility is monitored.
7. See that makeup for Unsatisfactory citizenship has been assigned.

Citizenship Grade and Eligibility

Activity eligibility requires that students have no "U" unsatisfactory citizenship grades in the current year or any previous year. Students become accountable for "U" grades on the day that report cards are issued. Eligibility may be reinstated as soon as Unsatisfactory citizenship grades have been made up.

Citizenship Grade Make Up

Students are required to make up all "U" citizenship grades prior to activity eligibility and prior to graduation (see below). Makeup assignments may be given by the teacher who issued the "U" and should include letters of apology, etc. An administrator may assign "U" makeup based upon a minimum of three (3) hours of school or community service per "U".

Consequences of Repeated Unsatisfactory Behavior

Students who accumulate four (4) "U" grades during an academic year will be placed on citizenship probation. An administrator, parent/guardian, student conference will be held to discuss the behavior problems and the possible interventions. A written record of the conference and/or a behavioral contract will be made and will be signed by all parties involved.

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Students who are placed on probation will remain on probation for the balance of the school year. Further infractions will result in additional consequences which may include referral to Juvenile Court, suspension, referral to alternate education, or referral to the Board of Education for school release.

Students cannot receive a diploma from Wasatch High School with any unresolved "U" grades. All "U" grades must be made up by May 1st of the student's graduation year in order to graduate that year.

