

## CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The School board is currently reviewing this policy and it is, therefore, subject to change.

Graduation requirements in Box Elder School District include satisfactory citizenship and adherence to the rules and policies of the school. Failure to earn the required citizenship credits shall result in withholding the graduation certificate. The administration has the right to issue a citizenship "U" to cover the times before, during, and after school, and in all school-sponsored activities. This credit may be withheld by the administration for unsatisfactory citizenship.

**Citizenship Grading:** Four distinctions are made:

- H = Honor
- S = Satisfactory
- N = Need Improvement
- U = Unsatisfactory

**Citizenship Rating:** Should be based mainly on four factors:

1. Participation
2. Attitude
3. Effort
4. Punctuality (Tardies)

**Participation means:**

1. Initiative
2. Listening to and following directions.
3. Definite contribution towards improvement of the class environment.

**Attitude should include such things as:**

1. Responsibility in the wise use of the time in class, observing school rules and class rules.
2. Dependability – begin on time, having proper supplies such as books, pencil, etc.
3. Courtesy – Consideration of others; good conduct in the class.
4. Respectfulness – Proper respect toward teachers, staff, and other students and their property; taking care of school equipment.
5. Honesty and integrity – avoiding cheating, forging notes or misrepresentation of any kind.

**Effort should apply to:**

1. Assuming responsibility for personal improvement.
2. Having assignments completed on time.
3. Starting to work promptly without wasting time.

**Punctuality (Tardies):** Assuming the above three criteria are met –

- 0-1 tardy qualifies one for an "H"
- 2-3 tardies qualifies one for an "S"
- 4-5 tardies qualifies one for an "N"
- 6 tardies qualifies one for a "U" (teacher assessed)
- \* for each additional six tardies in a class, an administrative "U" mark will be given (see Tardy Policy)

### **Citizenship Remediation**

Unsatisfactory citizenship marks can be remediated by performing community service or school service or by paying a fine for each "U." The schedule for remediating each unsatisfactory citizenship mark is as follows:

- Within immediate trimester after "U" received = 6 hours or \$30 fine
- One trimester later = 8 hours or \$40 fine
- Two (or more) trimesters later = 10 hours or \$50 fine