

CHADWICK R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

A+ ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Chadwick R-I School District Mission Statement is as follows: "It is the mission of Chadwick R-I Schools, in partnership with parents and community, to establish high standards of learning, high expectations for achievement, and guidance for success!"

Participation in the A+ Schools Program is both an honor and a privilege. To qualify for the A+ financial incentive, a student must have at least a 95% attendance record for the four-year period of high school attendance. A student who exceeds 34.8 absences over the four years will have less than 95% attendance and therefore will not qualify for the A+ financial incentive.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The A+ Coordinator will update each student's attendance status on a semester basis. An A+ Status Review will be mailed home each semester. Updated information will be used to satisfy the attendance requirement of the A+ Schools Program.

APPEALS

Students and/or parents may appeal absences in special circumstances. These may include conditions that require on-going doctor visits and/or hospitalization to treat or cure a condition. Long-term illness or injury requires an application for homebound instruction which, if granted, does not count against the days absent.

Appeals of absences must be made to the A+ Office within 14 calendar days after the A+ Status Review or Letter of Ineligibility has been mailed. An A+ Attendance Appeal Form and any documentation provided by doctors should be returned to the A+ Office within those 14 days after the semester in which the absences occurred.

REVIEW PROCEDURES

The review committee (consisting of the principal, assistant principals, a counselor, two teachers and the A+ Coordinator) will respond in one of two ways.

- Grant a waiver of the appealed absences
- Deny a waiver of the appealed absences

The student and/or parents may or may not wish to attend the review committee meeting. The A+ Coordinator will make notification of the appeals decision to the student and parent/guardian.

Appeals of the review committee decision may be made to the Superintendent and Board of Education in writing within 14 calendar days of notification. Appeals after 14 days will not be considered. The Superintendent will make notification of the appeals decision to the student and parent/guardian.

DROP/RE-ENROLL

A student who drops and/or transfers to another school, but re-enrolls at CHS within 15 days, will still be eligible for the A+ financial incentive. Any absences during this time will be added to the student's CHS absenteeism total.