

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY PASS PROGRAM

Citizenship Grade

Freedom High School, as identified in our mission statement, not only desires to provide an atmosphere conducive to high academic learning, we also desire our graduates to develop skills to collaborate and contribute to the local and global community. The latter is directly related to developing good citizens and employable adults. Citizenship is described as those traits that demonstrate a readiness to learn, responsibility, respect, and the ability to form positive interpersonal relationships. Students will receive a score from 1 to 5 as their citizenship grade and the score will be based on the following employability skills:

- Student participates cooperatively and respectfully in groups and collaborative tasks.
- Student completes tasks on time and with maximum effort.
- Student displays honesty and takes direction.

Teachers will score students using the following 1-5 rubric and statements of what this score indicates to a potential employer are provided with the correlating score.

Freedom High School Employability Skills Rubric For Citizenship Grade

SCORE	Employability Skills: Student participates cooperatively and respectfully in groups and collaborative tasks. Student completes tasks on time and with maximum effort. Student displays honesty and takes direction.	What this score indicates to a potential employer
5	*Exemplary work with others in groups, both speaking and listening *Always on time and prepared for class *Always gives maximum effort *Zero tasks incomplete and always represents their best work	This will be an exceptional employee that works well with others and someone that I can count on consistently to complete required tasks accurately and on time. This employee will require very little training to be effective. He/She could be a leader.
4	*Works productively with others *Nearly always on time and prepared for class *Nearly always gives maximum effort *Zero tasks incomplete and almost always represents their best work	This could be a great employee that works well with others and will complete tasks on time. This employee would need only standard training and has potential as a future leader.
3	*Works adequately in groups with others. *Mostly is on time and prepared for class *Mostly gives maximum effort *Few tasks incomplete and most represents their best work	This could be an employee that will do as requested and complete tasks on time. This employee may require additional training to become a leader.
2	*Works with others when required *Sometimes is on time and prepared for class *Occasionally gives maximum effort *Some tasks incomplete and some represents their best work	This could be an employee that will do as requested but may have some difficulties with other employees as well as completing tasks accurately and on time. This employee could require additional training and supervision to be effective.
1	*Has difficulty working with others *Rarely is on time and prepared for class. *Rarely gives maximum effort *Almost all tasks incomplete and few represent their best work	This could be an employee that can be challenging to work with and may create issues in the workplace. All other factors considered, this employee would require supervision or be more suited for a position that did not require peer cooperation.

Significance

While citizenship grades do not appear on transcripts, they will be included on the term (quarter) report cards. If a student has a 3.0 average, or higher, for his/her citizenship they would be eligible for open campus privileges (responsibility pass) as an upperclassman (Junior or Senior). Your cumulative citizenship grade for all 4 terms from your freshmen and sophomore years will be used to determine eligibility for your first term of your junior year. Juniors and seniors will be calculated each term and therefore, not cumulative (always a fresh start each term). If a student were to get a 1 from any of their classes, they would be ineligible for the responsibility pass, regardless of overall GPA. Certain behaviors can lead to an automatic loss of the responsibility pass. Examples would be academic integrity violations, reckless driving, or level 3 or 4 discipline violations.*

The main privilege for upperclassmen is open campus lunch. **If the weather is not conducive for driving, the administration can restrict open campus to walking.**

Responsibility Pass Program

The Responsibility pass program is intended to reward those students whose citizenship grade reflects a tolerant, respectful and mature attitude by affording them:

1. An increased Level of Responsibility for the juniors and seniors in their use of free time. It is intended, through this program, to help students develop a higher level of self-discipline through an extension of freedom and responsibility for the decisions regarding unscheduled time.
2. An opportunity to find positive avenues for career exploration during periods of unscheduled time which will afford individual student benefits.
3. A program offered as a privilege, not a right.

Participating students are expected to show corresponding responsibility by:

1. Setting an example for other students, particularly with regard to behavior patterns in a school and community atmosphere.
2. Following all general school regulations as specified in the student handbook.
3. Using good judgment when conducting themselves in the community and following all ordinances and regulations.

The operational Guidelines of the Responsibility Pass program are as followed:

1. This pass is valid only if the student maintains at least a 3.0 or above Citizenship grade average. Students need to leave for their destination promptly, not to be wandering the halls.
2. Student's RP will be revoked for:
 1. Unexcused absences
 2. Tardies that result in a detention (3 or more in a term)
 3. Academic integrity violations.
 4. Parental request
 5. A student is not eligible for an RP if they receive a citizenship grade of a 1 the previous term.
 6. Serious violations of school or community regulations.