

What is an *A+* School?

While many Missourians see the A+ Program as a scholarship program, it was created by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 as an incentive for improving Missouri's high schools.

The primary goal of the A+ Schools Program is to insure that all students who graduate from Missouri high schools are well prepared to pursue advanced education and employment.

Goals of an *A+* School...

- To ensure that *all students* graduate from high school.
- To ensure that *all students* complete a selection of high studies that is challenging and identifies learning expectations.
- To ensure that *all students* proceed from high school graduation to a college, a post-secondary vocational-technical school, or a high-wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.

A+ Financial Incentives...

Students may be entitled to receive financial reimbursement if they meet all the requirements, if Francis Howell Central High School is granted A+ Schools status each year, and as state funds continue to be available.



A+ School Requirements...

- Enter into a written agreement with Francis Howell Central High School by September 1st of the student's senior year;
- Attend a designated A+ school for three consecutive years prior to high school graduation;
- Graduate from high school with a *grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better*;
- Maintain at least a *95% attendance rate* for the four-year period (miss less than 35 days);
- *Tutor* other students for *50 hours* on Francis Howell School District property, supervised by a Francis Howell School District employee, by January 1st of the student's senior year;
- Maintain a record of *good citizenship* according to the State A+ Schools Program, Francis Howell School District Code of Conduct, and Francis Howell Central High School Student Handbook;
- Attempt to secure all available federal financial assistance funds that do not require repayment. During 12th grade, complete and submit the FAFSA form by April 1st. Parents may do this online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Male students must register with the Selective Service upon their 18th birthday. Male students may register online at www.sss.gov;
- Enroll and attend a Missouri public community college or vocational/technical school on a full time basis, while maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or better.



A+ Student Benefits...

- College tuition to any of Missouri's public community colleges or public vocational/technical schools (based on FHCHS being granted A+ Schools status each year and the availability of state funds).
- Students may receive this incentive for a maximum of six (6) semesters and must be enrolled as a FULL-TIME student and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale at the institution. Students are eligible to use the incentive for UP TO FOUR years after high school graduation.
- For additional information pertaining to post-secondary education, please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/aplus/index.html>.

How Do I Apply for *A+* ?

It's simple. Students and their parents/guardians should read over the agreement and be familiar with the requirements. The student and parent/guardian need to complete an A+ agreement form by September 1st of the student's senior year. The completed agreement should be returned to the A+ Schools Program office at Francis Howell Central High School to be processed.

If you need additional information, please contact the A+ Office.

Francis Howell Central High School
5199 Highway N
St. Charles, MO 63304
636-851-4600

Francis Howell Central High School



A+ Schools Program

Make "A+" an Option!