The A+ Schools Program

Francis Howell Central High School
The A+ Program: An Overview

Created by the *Outstanding Schools Act* of 1993 as an incentive for improving Missouri’s high schools

The goals of an A+ High School are to ensure that:

- All students graduate from high school
- All students complete an academically challenging selection of high school studies with identified learning expectations
- All students are well prepared to pursue advanced education and/or employment
The A+ Financial Incentive

Students who graduate from a designated A+ high school may qualify for a state-paid financial incentive to attend any public community college or vocational/technical school in Missouri, if the student successfully meets the program’s eligibility requirements.
Student Eligibility Requirements

- Enter into a written agreement with FHC no later than September 1st of the student’s senior year.
- Attend a designated A+ School for three consecutive years immediately prior to graduation.
- Graduate with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Maintain an overall attendance rate of at least 95% for all four years of high school (miss less than 35 days).
- Participate in 50 hours of unpaid peer mentoring or tutoring, to be arranged and supervised by FHSD (takes place between end of Sophomore year and Jan. 1st of Senior year).
Student Eligibility Requirements

• Achieve a score of Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra 1 EOC exam (see A+ Coordinator for other ways to meet this requirement)
• Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of drugs or alcohol
Ongoing Eligibility Requirements

• All individuals required to register under the Military Selective Service Act must provide proof of registration ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))
• The student must make a good faith effort to secure all available federal financial aid that does not require repayment through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
• The student must attend a public community college or vocational/technical school on a full-time basis
• While enrolled at a community college or vocational/technical school, the student must maintain a GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale.
1. Students and parents/guardians should thoroughly review the A+ Agreement Form

2. Submit the signed A+ Agreement Form no later than September 1st of the student’s senior year

3. Students must successfully complete all eligibility criteria in order to qualify for the program’s financial incentive.
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