

# 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
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# **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.

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# 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. 1<sup>st</sup> of Senior year).
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- 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
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# 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.
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# Application Instructions

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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# **For Additional Information**

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