

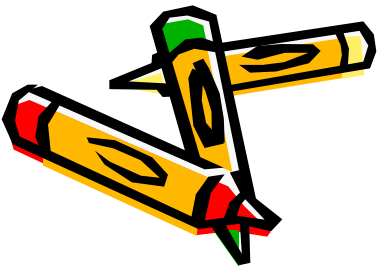
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The A+ Program in the Blue Springs School District

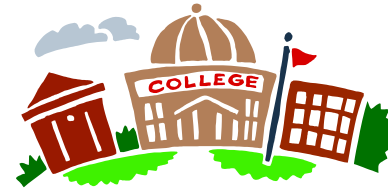


Background...

* In an effort to make college or vocational education available to every Missouri high school graduate, the Missouri General Assembly established the A+ Schools Program as part of the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993.



Outcome...

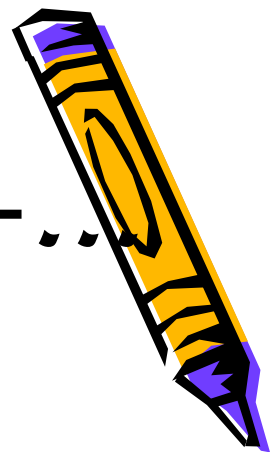
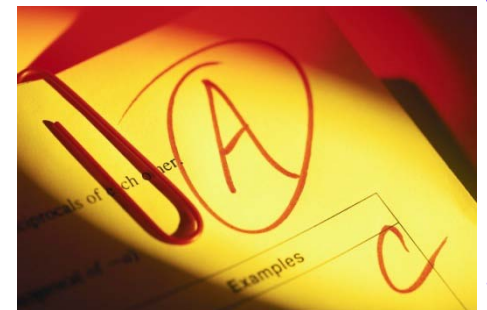


* Graduates of designated A+ schools who successfully complete the requirements of the program may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of tuition while attending a Missouri public community college or vocational/technical school on a full-time basis for two years. *This incentive is dependent on state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly.*



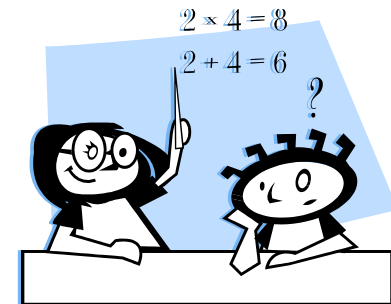
Student Requirements for A+...

- Attend a designated A+ school for three consecutive years (grade 10-12) prior to high school graduation.
- Graduation from high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Graduate with a 95% ADA (Avg. Daily Attendance) record for grades 9-12.



Student Requirements Cont...

- Perform and document 50 hours of unpaid district tutoring or mentoring coordinated through the school's A+ office.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol



Student Requirements Cont...

- Apply for non-payback scholarship by completing FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).



Frequently Asked Questions about A+

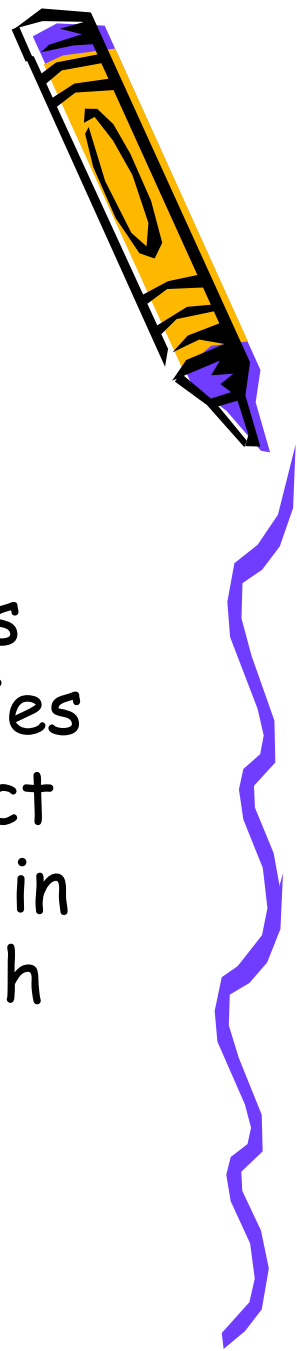


When does a student sign up for A+?

- There is no specific date requirement for signing the agreement. Students need to remember that in order to access A+ funds post high school, they need sufficient time to complete the eligibility requirements prior to graduation. A+ enrollment forms are available in the Counseling Office.



Does participating in the A+ Program restrict a student's choices?



- Participating in the A+ Program DOES NOT in any way restrict a student's educational choices. The A+ Program is designed to provide greater opportunities for students. Signing up will not restrict the options available to a student while in high school or upon graduating from high school.



What if an A+ participant decides to attend a four-year college or university?



- There are no repercussions for participating in the A+ program and completing the requirements. Many students will develop plans to attend a 4 year college or university following high school. Students eligible for A+ benefits may choose to attend a community college for two years, earn an Associates Degree then transfer those credits to a 4 year university. A student who participates in the A+ Program is not required to attend a community college or vocational/technical school.

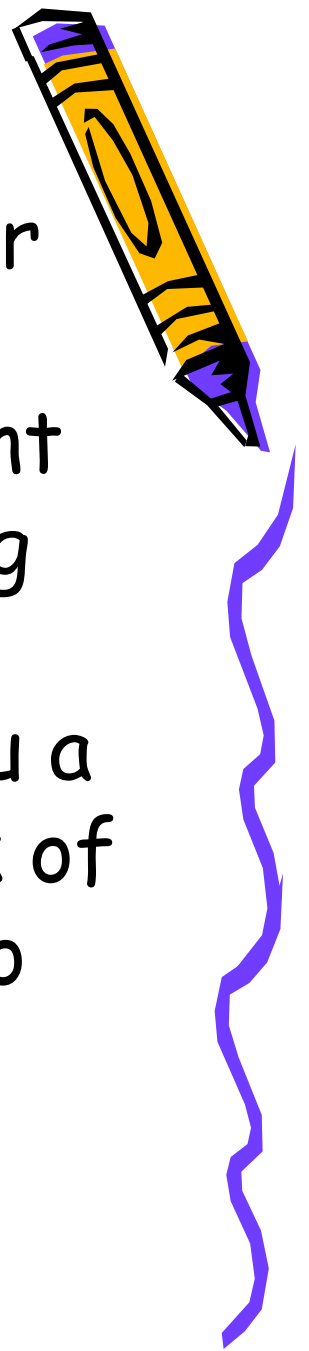


A+ Program - important steps to follow in 9th Grade:

Step #1 - complete the 3 page A+ application and turn it in to Mr. Breske in the Counseling Office

Step #2 - If you wish to begin tutoring in 9th grade, you must attend ONE tutor trainings session. Student may attend ANY session at ANY of the three high schools. Pre-registering for a session is not necessary - students just need to show up and sign in.





- **Step #3** - Once you attend a tutor training session and are ready to start tutoring, make an appointment to see Mr. Breske in the Counseling Office. He will help you explore possible tutoring sites and give you a tutoring log to help you keep track of your hours. You are not required to begin tutoring in 9th grade.



*For additional information and/or
an application please visit with...*

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