



Summer
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BSSHS A+ Newsletter

Extra! Extra!

Remember that it is the responsibility of the students to maintain all A+ eligibility requirements throughout all four years of high school. It is especially important for everyone to make sure that they are keeping track of their eligibility requirements. If you are not sure about your attendance, GPA or tutoring hours, contact Mr. Sapp to find out what your status is. The A+ Program can pay for tuition at an eligible Missouri Community college or technical school, thus greatly reducing the cost of your education. Do not allow yourself to lose this benefit because you failed to be aware of your status.

Are you A+ Eligible?

In order to receive the A+ Tuition Benefits from the state, students must graduate from an A+ School meeting the following criteria:

- Attend an A+ designated school for at least 3 years prior to graduation.
- Have a 2.5 GPA over 8 semesters (un-rounded and un-weighted).
- Have 95% average attendance over 8 semesters (un-rounded).
- Maintain good citizenship, and avoid the illegal use of drugs/alcohol.
- Complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring of students in the Blue Springs School District (all tutoring must be arranged through the A+ office).

*It is **not too late** for sophomores and juniors to sign up for the A+ program!*

TUTOR TRAINING DATES 10-11

All A+ students must attend ONE training session **before** tutoring. All trainings are from 2:40-3:15 PM
You can schedule an individual training by making an appointment with Mr. Sapp in the A+ office.

Thursday, September 2, 2010	2:40-3:15	BSSHS Media Center
Tuesday, September 7, 2010	2:40-3:15	FC Media Center
Thursday, September 9, 2010	2:40-3:15	BSHS Media Center
Thursday, September 30, 2010	2:40-3:15	BSHS Media Center
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	2:40-3:15	FC Media Center
Tuesday, November 9, 2010	2:40-3:15	BSSHS Media Center
Thursday, January 6, 2011	2:40-3:15	BSHS Media Center
Tuesday, January 25, 2011	2:40-3:15	FC Media Center
Tuesday, February 1, 2011	2:40-3:15	BSSHS Media Center
Thursday, March 24, 2011	2:40-3:15	BSHS Media Center
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	2:40-3:15	FC Media Center
Tuesday, May 3, 2011	2:40-3:15	FC Media Center
Thursday, May 5, 2011	2:40-3:15	BSSHS Media Center
Tuesday, May 10, 2011	2:40-3:15	BSHS Media Center

Important Dates

After **January 1, 2011**, Seniors need to fill out the FAFSA form. Once your taxes have been completed go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to fill out the form. This is required if you plan to use your A+ benefits.

February 25, 2011 is the deadline to file attendance appeals, remember only certain things like chronic illness, hospitalization, funerals and court dates can be appealed. See the A+ coordinator for the form.

April 8, 2011 is the deadline to turn in the Intent to Access A+ Benefits form for seniors. This form is available in the A+ office or on the A+ Web Page, if you plan on using A+ at a community college.

May 6, 2011 is the deadline for **SENIORS** to turn in all tutoring hours to the A+ office, all others need to turn in tutor logs by the end of the semester.

BSSHS A+ Coordinator

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A+ TUTORING GUIDELINES

A+ tutors must complete 50 hours of tutoring/mentoring as part of their eligibility requirements. The high school students are to work **directly** with Blue Springs School District students in an academic setting, they are not be utilized as “teacher aides”. The A+ students are responsible for having their tutoring log filled out and signed by the supervising teacher, this should be done daily.

What do you need to do before beginning your tutoring?

- Turn in A+ agreement form
- Attend Tutor Training session
- Turn in Tutor agreement and permission forms
- **Tutoring must be approved by A+ Coordinator**
- Tutoring must be in a Blue Springs R-IV school
- See A+ Coordinator for tutoring opportunities
- Tutoring logs are to be kept by the student and turned in each semester.

What can A+ tutors do?

- Tutor before or after school hours in any BSSD school in an approved program.
- Give one-on-one help to a student who is struggling with any academic subject.
- Provide small group tutoring to several students needing assistance in the same subject.
- Reading to one or more students.
- Leading the students in an activity or game.
- Help students with computer activities.
- Tutoring must be supervised by a district certified teacher.

What can the A+ tutors NOT do?

- Tutor on weekends.
- Tutor off school property.
- Work at a school carnival.
- Help with any sports camp or sports related activity.
- Serve as judges for competitions.
- Community service.
- Grade papers.
- Make copies.
- Bulletin boards.
- Run errands.