

Wellsville-Middletown R-1 A+ Program

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The A+ Schools program is a school-improvement initiative established by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993. The program is raising academic standards, opening new doors to higher education and introducing students to the teaching profession through tutoring and mentoring activities.

The program is designed to provide incentives for local high schools to:

- Reduce the dropout rate
- Raise academic expectations and eliminate "general track" courses
- Provide better "career pathways" for all students
- Work more closely with business and higher-education leaders.

GOALS:

The primary goal of A+ Schools is to assure that all students are well-prepared to pursue advanced education and employment.

Since 1994, 214 Missouri public high schools have received A+ Schools start-up grants.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students who graduate from a designated A+ School may qualify for state-paid assistance to attend any public community college or technical school in the state. More than 33,000 students have qualified for the tuition assistance since 1997. Currently there are more than 28,000 students eligible for the incentive. Since 1997, the number of students who have used at least one semester of A+ funding is more than 14,000.

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the tuition reimbursement:

- Attend a designated A+ School for three consecutive years prior to graduation
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Have at least a 95 percent attendance record
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol
- Attend a Missouri community college or postsecondary vocational-technical school on a full-time basis and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher

- **The tuition incentives may be available only after the student has made a documented good faith effort to first secure all available federal postsecondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.**

EVERYONE BENEFITS:

Missouri's A+ Schools program is a win-win situation for schools, students and communities. The program encourages students to stay in school, make career plans, tutor younger students in school, and graduate with the skills and knowledge required for career success or further education.

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