

Vision: The A+ Program will promote a safe, supportive environment where youth are encouraged to learn, challenged to dream and express creativity and inspired to explore their school, community and world.



Mission: To engage youth in a variety of enrichment programs that promote positive youth development and enhance academic skills.

Goals:

1. PROVIDE A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

- a. Provide a stable environment.
- b. Strengthen youth resilience to overcome life's challenges by developing positive youth connections with adults, peers & their families.

2. IMPROVE THE ACADEMIC ABILITY OF YOUTH

- a. Cultivate a love of learning through fun, hands-on enrichment programs that promote critical thinking and perseverance skills resulting in academic growth and proficiency in math and literacy.

3. STRENGTHEN LIFE SKILLS OF YOUTH FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

- a. Strengthen the social and emotional abilities of youth. (Handling conflicts with peers and self-management of emotions and behavior)
- b. Increase youth knowledge and habits toward development of healthier lifestyles.
- c. Strengthen life skills of youth through participation in a variety of program offerings, services and opportunities (leadership, STEM, Community Service, Art/Music).

4. ENGAGE AND EDUCATE ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS

- a. Enhance each family's ability to support their child's academic progress and healthy development by reducing stress, improving health, educating families and promoting family connections.

5. STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY, SCHOOL & FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

- a. Develop strong volunteer systems and culture.
- b. Regularly connect with the school day to align programming and goals to best support youth growth.
- c. Maintain and expand partnerships with local organizations, businesses & volunteers.
- d. Utilize family and youth input regularly to advise programming decisions.

6. PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY PROGRAM

- a. Utilize best practices and continuous improvement to refine, improve and strengthen the program.
- b. Provide ongoing professional development opportunities and high expectations.
- c. Solicit input from all stakeholders to inform program improvements.