

# McCluer A+ Schools Program

## What is the A+ Schools Program?

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 key goal of the A+ Schools Program is to assure that all students, when they graduate, are well prepared to pursue advanced education, employment or both.

## Goals of an A+ School

- To ensure that all students graduate from high school
- To ensure that all students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and has identified learning expectations
- To ensure that all students proceed from high school graduation to a college, post-secondary vocational or technical school, or a high wage job with work -place skill development opportunities.

## Financial Incentives

All eligible graduates who continue an education at a Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school may be eligible for financial incentives for up to two years. Each student would enter into a written agreement with the school and must:

1. Attended a designated A+ School for three consecutive years immediately prior to graduation;

The following requirements must be met for a four-year span and by established deadlines:

2. Graduated from high school with a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (non-weighted);
3. Graduate with at least a 95% attendance average over the four years of high school;
4. Performed 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring for other students;
5. Maintained a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use or possession of drugs and/or alcohol, or related paraphernalia.
6. Made a documented, good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.
7. The student's social security number and full name (including middle) on file in the A+ Office;
8. Registered with Selective Service if required by law to do so;
9. Meet district ACT requirements.

The A+ Schools Program may provide these educational incentives 1)provided state funds are appropriated by the legislature or 2)subject to state funding approval. Funding is not the responsibility of the Ferguson-Florissant School District.