

Goals for Students

As outlined by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the three primary goals of the A+ Schools Program are:

- * *All students will graduate from high school.*
- * *All students will complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and for which there are identified and measurable learner expectations.*
- * *All students will proceed from high school graduation to a traditional college or postsecondary vocational or technical school or high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.*

This last goal, perhaps more than any other, exemplifies the basic purpose of the A+ Schools Program. It is essential that every student graduate from high school with the skills and tools required to pursue whatever educational and career goals the student and his or her parents select.

Tutoring Opportunities

The following list contains possible opportunities that will count toward the 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring requirement of the A+ Schools Program. All tutoring opportunities are scheduled through the A+ Coordinator.

- * *Elementary School*
- * *Middle School*
- * *High School*
- * *Project Pass*
- * *Summer School*
- * *LCTC*
- * *Specialized 1 hour tutoring*
- * *A+ elective credit class (seniors)*



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The A+ Schools Program is a comprehensive program of curricular, instructional, and technological developments and improvements designed to better meet the needs of all students, regardless of whether they plan to attend a traditional four-year college, a community college, a vocational or technical school, or plan to seek employment immediately out of high school.

- * *A+ provides extensive curricular development, career guidance, activities designed to assist at-risk students, and learning in applied courses.*
- * *Having attained A+ School status, Camdenton High School graduates may qualify for two years of tuition and general fees at any public Missouri community college, vocational, or technical school.*

Benefits for Students

All students will benefit from the infusion of technology into the curriculum, clearly stated and measurable learner expectations and graduation performance standards, more extensive career exploration and guidance activities, and the development of courses with a more real-world focus.

- * *Research shows that A+ students are significantly more likely to perform well in their classes and to graduate within three years of starting.*

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program, a student must be certified as an A+ Student by Camdenton High School. The A+ Coordinator, as the official representative of the A+ Schools Program to the State Educational Department, has the responsibility to certify whether a graduate of Camdenton High School has met the criteria of the program.

Each student's progress will be updated each semester and kept in the A+ Coordinators office.

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To be certified as an A+ Student, an individual must do the following:

- * *Sign an A+ Student Agreement (example included in the Appendix of handbook).*
- * *Attend an A+ designated high school three consecutive years prior to graduation.*
- * *Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.*
- * *Starting with the graduating class of 2015, must have scored Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra EOC exam. (If not, student will have to meet an alternative requirement to be eligible before they graduate.)*
- * *Maintain a 95% attendance record for the 4 year period.*
- * *Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring for other students.*
- * *Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs.*
- * *Make a good faith effort to first secure all available federal postsecondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment. (FAFSA)*