

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2017****CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF NON-PUBLIC A+ HIGH SCHOOLS****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 160.545 RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
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Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

Established by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993, the A+ Schools Program was a school improvement initiative designed with primary goals to ensure that all students:

1. Graduate from school;
2. Complete a selection of high school studies that are challenging and for which there are identified learning expectations; and,
3. Proceed from high school graduation to a college or postsecondary vocational or technical school or high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.

This program previously provided grant awards to Missouri public high schools that demonstrated a commitment to these goals, eliminated general track courses; and worked cooperatively with their community, local businesses, labor and postsecondary educational institutions.

The scholarship component is now a function coordinated by the Department of Higher Education; however, the State Board of Education grants A+ designation to Missouri high schools.

Statutory changes to 160.545.1 RSMo, effective August 28, 2016, allow non-public high schools to be designated as A+ High Schools in the same manner as public high schools. In February 2017, 57 non-public high schools met the requirements of the program and are being recommended for A+ designation.

See attached list.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education designate the listed schools as A+ schools.

Archbishop O'Hara High School	Mountain Grove Christian Academy
Barat Academy	Neosho Christian School
Bishop Dubourg High School	Nerinx Hall High School
Blue Ridge Christian School	Norte Dame de Sion High School
Calvary Lutheran High School	North County Christian School
Cardinal Ritter College Prep	Northland Christian School
Christian High School	Notre Dame High School
Cor Jesu Academy	Our Savior Christian Academy
Cristo Rey Kansas City High School	Park Avenue Christian School
Crosspoint Christian School	Rosati-Kain High School
Dayspring Christian School	Sacred Heart High School
De Smet Jesuit High School	Saxony Lutheran High School
Duchesne High School	Springfield Catholic High School
El Dorado Christian School	St. Dominic High School
Father Tolton Catholic High School	St. Francis Borgia Regional High School
Gloria Deo Academy	St. John Vianney High School
Grace Classical Academy	St. Joseph Christian High School
Greenwood Laboratory School	St. Joseph's Academy
Heartland Christian School	St. Mary's High School
Helias Catholic High School	St. Pius X High School-Kansas City
Incarnate Word Academy	St. Pius X High School-St. Louis
Islamic School of Greater Kansas City	St. Teresa's Academy
John F. Kennedy Catholic High School	St. Vincent High School
Lutheran High School South	Summit Christian Academy
Lutheran High School North	The Lutheran High School of Kansas City
Lutheran High School St. Charles	Trinity Catholic High School
Marshfield Christian School	Trinity Christian Academy
McAuley Catholic High School	Valle Catholic High School
Missouri Military Academy	