

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:	March 2020
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CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF A+ HIGH SCHOOLS
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY:	
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Section 160.545, RSMo	
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PRIORITY AREA

Success-Ready Students & Workforce Development

SUMMARY

Established by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993, the A+ Schools Program is 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. Statute was revised in 2016 to include non-public high schools.

Although the scholarship component is coordinated by the Department of Higher Education, the State Board of Education has authority to grant A+ designation to Missouri high schools.

In March 2020, one non-public high school met the requirements of the program and is being recommended for A+ designation.

Non-Public High School

Miriam Academy, St. Louis

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education designate the aforementioned school as an A+ school.