

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: February 2020

CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF A+ HIGH SCHOOLS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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 February 2020, six non-public high schools and one public high school met the requirements of the program and are being recommended for A+ designation.

Non-Public High Schools

Battlefield Christian Academy, Battlefield
 Clinton Christian Academy, Clinton
 Esther Miller Bais Yaakov High School, St. Louis
 Heritage Classical Christian Academy, Fenton
 New Hope Christian Academy, Silva
 Victory Road Christian Academy, Anderson

Public High Schools

Capital City High School, Jefferson City
 School District

RECOMMENDATION

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