

<b>MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:</b>		<b>April 2017</b>			
CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF A NON-PUBLIC A+ HIGH SCHOOL					
<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action Item
Section 160.545 RSMo				<input type="checkbox"/>	Report Item
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:</p> <p>All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>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 meet the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Graduate from school</li> <li>2. Complete a selection of high school studies that are challenging and for which there are identified learning expectations</li> <li>3. Proceed from high school graduation to a college or postsecondary vocational or technical school or high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities</li> </ol> <p>This program previously provided grant awards to Missouri public high schools that demonstrated a commitment to these goals, as well as improved their attendance rates; eliminated general track courses; and worked cooperatively with their community, local businesses, labor and postsecondary educational institutions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Department recommends that the State Board of Education designate the Westminster Christian Academy as an A+ school.</p>					