



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
 OFFICE OF QUALITY SCHOOLS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
NOTIFICATION OF ASSURANCES FOR A+ HIGH SCHOOLS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL OR DISTRICT NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublic	COUNTY-DISTRICT CODE (if applicable)	DATE
HIGH SCHOOL NAME			
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER		
DESIGNATED A+ CONTACT	TITLE		

INSTRUCTIONS

This form must be signed and sent to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Educational Support Services, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Questions: Please contact Educational Support Services at 573-751-8247 or aplus@dese.mo.gov

SCHOOL COMMITMENT

The administrators, staff, teachers and interested community of this school have made the decision to start and support the A+ Schools Program, therefore, we agree to:

- 1) Specify the knowledge, skills and competencies that students must demonstrate to successfully complete any individual course offered by the school, and any course of studies which will qualify a student for graduation;
- 2) Require rigorous coursework and eliminate all general track courses;
- 3) Administer a comprehensive school counseling plan;
- 4) Include in the district and building level improvement plans the following: All students graduate from high school; complete a selection of high school studies that is rigorous; proceed from high school graduation to a college, postsecondary career/technical school or high-wage job with the skills necessary to succeed.
- 5) Establish procedures to identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school and intervention services to be used to meet the needs of such students.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

The administrators, staff and teachers will require students to meet the following requirements in order to become eligible for A+ funding and to attend a public community college or career-technical school following graduation:

- 1) Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- 2) Enter into a written agreement with your high school prior to graduation;
- 3) Attend a designated A+ high school for 3 years immediately prior to graduation;
- 4) Graduate with an overall grade point average 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- 5) Have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12;
- 6) Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to 25% may include job shadowing prior to graduation;
- 7) Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol while in the grades 9-12;
- 8) Have achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam or higher level DESE approved end of course exam in the field of mathematics.

SIGNATURES

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME	TITLE	DATE
SIGNATURE	TELEPHONE	EMAIL

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age or disability in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs and to the location of services, activities and facilities that are accessible by persons with disabilities may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Office of General Counsel, 6th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-522-4757 or TTY 800-735-2966; email civilrights@dese.mo.gov.