

Administrative Memo

To: Superintendents, Principals, A+ Coordinators
From: Dr. Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner
Subject: Opportunity to Obtain A+ Designation
Date: October 13, 2016

With the passage of Senate Bill 638, all high schools not previously A+ designated will have an opportunity to seek designation. This means your graduating seniors for the Class of 2016-17 may be able to achieve eligibility if they have met all the requirements of the A+ program. The Department is contacting you now, so that you will be able to provide all necessary assistance to help your student achieve scholarship eligibility. If you are opening a new high school, please plan accordingly.

It is imperative that the enclosed Designation Checklist be completed and students meet all of their requirements for the program. Please keep the checklist and documentation on file at your school to be used as a self-monitoring tool.

The Notification of Assurances for A+ High Schools form must be signed and sent to the Department's A+ office no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2017, in order to be approved by the State Board of Education at its March or April meeting.

If you have questions about the enclosed form, please contact John Robertson or email him at john.robertson@dese.mo.gov. If you have questions about student scholarship eligibility, please contact the Department of Higher Education at 800-473-6757.

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