

Goals of the A+ Schools Program

The three primary goals of the A+ Schools Program are:

- All students graduate from high school.
- All students complete high school studies that are challenging and have identified learning expectations.
- All students proceed from high school graduation to a community college or post-secondary career/technical school or a high-wage job with workplace skill-development opportunities.



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The primary goal of the A+ Schools Program is to ensure that all students who graduate from Missouri high schools are well prepared to pursue advanced education and employment.

Student Benefits

Graduates of Ritenour High School who are certified as A+ students may be eligible for financial incentives to a state community college or a state career/technical school.

Financial incentives will be made available after the student has made a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment. This requirement is met by submitting a "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA).

Students may receive this incentive for two years. A student must be considered a full-time student by the post-secondary institution. Students must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the institution. Students must complete the two years of full-time post-secondary enrollment within four years of graduating from Ritenour High School.

The A+ Schools Program may provide these educational incentives: 1) when state funds are appropriated by the legislature or 2) per state funding approval. Funding is not the responsibility of the Ritenour School District.

Many Missouri post-secondary schools are offering scholarships for students who qualify for the A+ Schools Program. See the financial aid office at the school for information.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program, a student must be certified as an A+ student by Ritenour High School. To achieve this certification, a student must:

- Sign an A+ Schools Participation Agreement by January 1 of senior year.
- Graduate from an A+ designated school and attend an A+ designated school for any three of the four years prior to graduation.
- Graduate with at least a 2.5 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale.
- Graduate with a 95 percent attendance record.
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid one-on-one tutoring or mentoring on district property.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the illegal use and/or possession of drugs, alcohol and/or related paraphernalia.
- Score "Advanced" or "Proficient" on the Algebra I End of Course exam.

To receive A+ funds from the state, the following must also be completed:

- Make a documented good-faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment (FAFSA).
- Register with the Selective Service, if required by law to do so.

A semester report advising the student's progress toward certification will be sent as soon as possible after the end of each semester.

Required documentation must be submitted to the A+ coordinator by May 1 of the student's senior year.

