



Ritenour High School

Schools Program

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.

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).

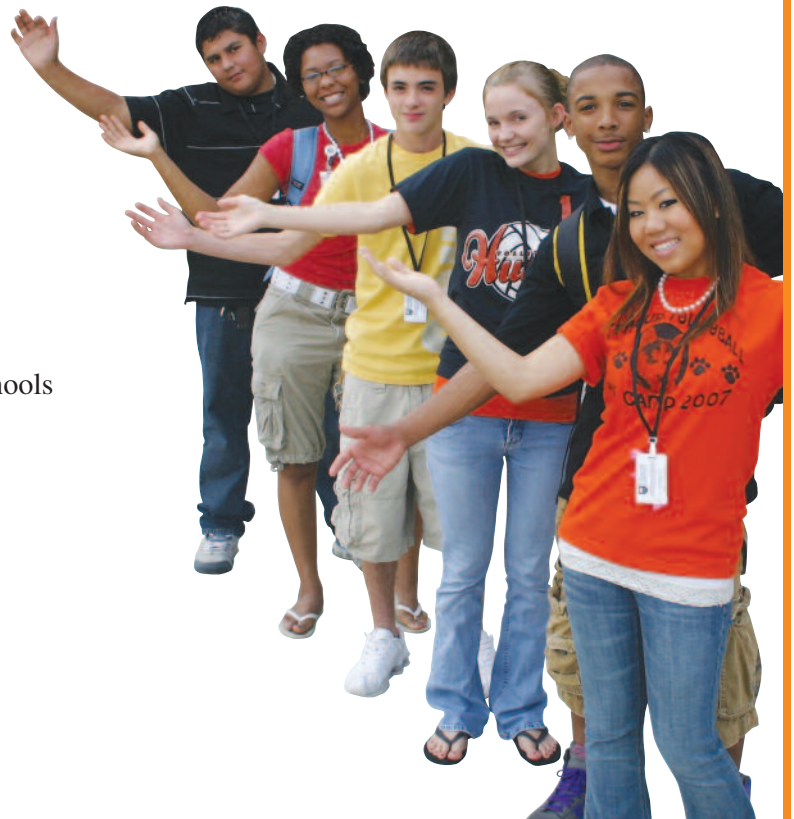
Students may receive this incentive for two years. A student must be considered a full-time student by the post-secondary institution. Students must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the institution. Students must complete the two years of full-time post-secondary enrollment within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





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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.



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