



Lee's Summit R-7 School District
A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Student ID Number _____ Anticipated Graduation Year 20_____

Name & City/State of other high schools attended: _____

Lee's Summit R-7 students who graduate with A+ status may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of tuition and general fees while attending a Missouri public community college or vocational/technical school on a full-time basis. The A+ program may provide these educational incentives provided state funds are appropriated by the legislature. This funding may be for the unpaid balance of the cost of tuition and general fees, subject to legislative appropriation. Eligible A+ students must meet ALL of the requirements below:

- 1. Attend a designated A+ high school for at least three (3) years prior to high school graduation
2. Graduate from a designated A+ high school with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
3. Graduate with a cumulative 95% ADA (Average Daily Attendance) record
4. Perform and document fifty (50) hours of unpaid tutoring connected to the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, coordinated through the A+ Office at each high school, and supervised by a District employee
5. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol (citizenship guidelines detailed on the back of this agreement)
6. Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) during the student's senior year
7. Register for selective service, if applicable.
8. Must score proficient or advanced on the state level Algebra I End of Course Exam or meet other qualifying criteria such as a 17 root math score on ACT test. *Please see A+ Coordinator for more details regarding math req.

Once A+ funding has been activated, the student must meet the following criteria to maintain A+ eligibility:

- 1. Attend a Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school as a full-time, degree-seeking student.
2. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

By signing this agreement, the student and parent/guardian are indicating they have been informed by the Lee's Summit R-7 School District of the criteria for student participation in the A+ Schools Student Financial Incentive Program, and further understand and agree to the A+ Citizenship Guidelines listed on the reverse side of this agreement. Permission is hereby given for the release of A+ Schools Program information, including student records, to the institutions chosen by the student as well as to DESE, as required by law.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This policy regards admission/access to treatment/employment in its programs and activities.

Lee's Summit R-7 School District A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines

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To be eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program requires certain behaviors and attitudes. Specifically, students who participate in the A+ Schools Program must be good citizens and be judged so by the proper school authority.

A student whose character or conduct is such as to discredit him/herself or his/her school is not considered a good citizen. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program should remember not only the financial rewards, but also the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it.

The following criteria regarding the school's discipline policy will serve as a measurable indicator of respect for self, school, and good citizenship:

- 1. Criminal Activity:** Students who are convicted of a felony will not qualify.
- 2. Substance Abuse:** Students shall not possess or use alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Any violation (possession, use, manufacture, sale or transportation) that results in suspension (ISS or OSS) will result in immediate and permanent removal from the program.
- 3. Violations of Safe Schools Act:** Students who are disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Act of 1996 will lose eligibility for the A+ Schools Program. These violations include, but are not limited to assault, weapons possession, and drug distribution.
- 4. Suspension:** Students will lose eligibility for the program if they accumulate fifteen (15) days of suspension (ISS or OSS) during their high school career for offenses other than alcohol/drugs or violations of the Safe Schools Act.

Due Process: Students, (other than those removed for numbers 1, 2, or 3 as explained above), who feel that they have been declared ineligible for the A+ Program unfairly may appeal to the A+ Schools Appeals Committee. In cases of appeal the student/parent/guardian must notify the A+ Schools Coordinator in writing of his/her intent to appeal. The A+ Schools Coordinator shall then convene a committee for consideration of the appeal. The committee shall hear the appeal and return its decision to the student. The decision of the committee will be final. The A+ Schools Appeal Committee will consist of the following individuals: Assistant Principals in charge of A+ Schools at each high school, each A+ Schools Coordinator, and one at-large faculty member from each school. The A+ Coordinator from the school at which the student in question is enrolled will facilitate the appeal, but will not be involved in the voting process. Appeals will be considered at semester or the end of the school year when the student is declared ineligible

Students may appeal the A+ Appeals Committee's decision to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

By signing below, the student and parent/guardian are indicating they understand and agree to the A+ citizenship guidelines listed above.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date