

Kirkwood High School A+ Program

BENEFITS OF AN A+ SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Qualifying graduating students will be eligible for the following:

- Tuition assistance to attend any Missouri public community college or public vocational or technical school.
- Tuition incentives which will be made available after the student has made a good faith effort to first secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.

A student must be considered a **FULL-TIME** student by the post-secondary institution maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students must complete the **SIX** semesters of **FULL-TIME** enrollment at the institution within **FOUR** years after graduation from Kirkwood High School. ***Tuition reimbursement is contingent upon availability of state funds.***

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program, Kirkwood High School must certify a student as having met all A+ requirements. As the official representative of the Department of Education of the State of Missouri, the A+ Schools Coordinator has the responsibility to certify that a graduate of Kirkwood High School has met the criteria of certification. To be certified as an A+ Schools student, a student must:

- Sign an **A+ Student Contract**.
- Attend an A+ High School for **two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation**.
- Graduate from Kirkwood High School with a cumulative **grade point average of 2.5** or above on a 4.0 grading scale.
- Graduate from Kirkwood High School with a cumulative **attendance record of 95%** or better.
- **Perform a total of 50 hours of unpaid academic tutoring of other students under the supervision of a certified Kirkwood School District employee within the 4 years of high school. Up to 12.5 hours can be obtained by job shadowing. ALL TUTORING MUST BE APPROVED BY THE A+ COORDINATOR.**
- Must have achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end-of-course exam or a higher level DESE approved exam in the field of mathematics.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of unlawful use of alcohol and drugs.
- Make a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment. Evidence of completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be turned in to A+ Coordinator prior to May 1 of graduating year.