

# Festus Senior High School A+ Schools Program

## **BENEFITS OF THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Festus Senior High School is a designated A+ High School in the state of Missouri. A+ participants who meet all of the requirements listed below **may** receive paid tuition to a public community college or an approved public vocational/technical school in the state of Missouri. Eligibility for the A+ Program expires once one of the following factors has been met: 48 months after high school graduation, receipt of an associate's degree or the completion of 105% of the required hours for the student's program of study. (Funding determined by the state legislature.)

## **REQUIREMENTS OF THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

To be certified as an A+ Student, an individual must do the following:

- Sign an A+ Schools Agreement.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Attend a designated A+ High School for two years prior to graduation.
- Graduate Festus High School with an unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (accumulative all four years).
- Maintain a 95% attendance record (accumulative all four years).
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid school sponsored and supervised tutoring or mentoring
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.
- Make a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment (must complete a FAFSA form).
- Students must score Advanced or Proficient on the Algebra I End-of Course Exam (or a higher level DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics) or earn an eligible score on ACT Math.
- After graduation, maintain eligibility by enrolling full-time at an approved institution and earning at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

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**All financial benefits are dependent upon money allocated each year by the state legislature.**

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