

# What is an A+ School?

Republic High School has been designated by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as an A+ school. The A+ Schools grant provided the opportunity and funding for Republic to make basic changes designed to guide students in a rigorous program of academic and technical education that will prepare them for the workplace, post-secondary vocational/technical training, or college.

## Goals of an A+ School...

- To ensure that all students graduate from high school
- To ensure that all students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and has identified learning expectations
- To ensure that all students proceed from high school graduation to a college, a post-secondary vocational or technical school, or a high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities

## A+ What are the student benefits?

**Money** for tuition to attend a public community or technical college

**Opportunity** to learn about jobs at the place of business as well as in the classroom

**College credits** while still in high school

**Tutoring** and mentoring experience

**Career pathways** to prepare for an occupation, with additional training upon graduation

**Encouragement** to attend school regularly and work hard

**Experience** using computers and other equipment to solve problems

A student who qualifies according to the following criteria and continues an education at a Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school can be eligible for state reimbursed tuition, and general fees, **subject to legislative appropriation**. Each student should enter into a written agreement with the school during the last three years prior to high school graduation and, to be eligible, must have:

1. Attended a designated A+ school for three consecutive years prior to high school graduation;
2. Graduated from high school with a **cumulative un-weighted GPA of 2.5** or higher;
3. Maintained at least a 95% attendance record for the four-year period;
4. Performed 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring for other students;
5. Maintained a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of (drugs/alcohol);
6. Made a documented, good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require payment; and
7. Register for Selective Service, if applicable.

The student financial incentive will be available for a period of four years after high school graduation. To maintain eligibility during that time, each participating student must enroll and attend a Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school on a full-time basis and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

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