



***FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL
A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM***

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A+ Schools Participation Agreement

Student Name _____

Class of _____

As an accredited A+ School, Festus R-6 students may qualify for *state-paid* tuition and fees* (read below) to any Missouri public community college or approved post-secondary vocational / technical school. 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. The financial incentives will come from the State of Missouri, not from the Festus R-6 School District.

To be eligible for these incentives, students and parents must be aware of and understand the criteria listed below which must be met by the student:

1. Must enter into a written *A+ Participation Agreement (this form)* and attend an A+ designated high school for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to graduation.
2. Graduate from Festus High School with an unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12.
4. Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring.
5. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and / or alcohol. The signatures below give Festus High School A+ representatives permission to examine and evaluate the cumulative disciplinary record of the student.
6. 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 or COMPASS Math.
7. Realize that tuition reimbursement will be made available only after the student has made a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require payment.
8. After graduation, maintain eligibility by enrolling and attending on a full time basis at a Missouri public community college or approved post-secondary vocational / technical school; and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 point scale.

_____ date

_____ date

_____ date

**The cost of tuition and general fees is subject to annual legislative appropriation from the Missouri General Assembly. Money for books was not appropriated for the 2017-2018 school year.*