

## **Fort Zumwalt School District A+ Schools Program**

Working Together to Build the Foundation for Tomorrow

### **What is an A+ School?**

- Students attending designated A+ Schools may be eligible for funds to pay for tuition and common fees at any public community college or public vocational/technical school in Missouri.
- All high schools participating in the A+ Schools Program undergo continuous reflection and improvement activities in an effort to ensure that all of their students are provided a rigorous academic and technical education that prepares them for the work place, post-secondary vocational/technical training, or college.
- You may download a three-page application to enroll in the A+ Schools Program. Complete the application including both parent and student signatures. Submit the three pages to the A+ Office at your high school. The A+ Office will get the necessary principal's signature.

### **Make High School Count!**

Students attending a designated A+ School may be eligible for state-funded assistance to pay for two years of tuition and common fees at any Missouri public community college or public vocational-technical school. To receive A+ benefits at a community college or state-supported vocational/technical school, a student must be enrolled full time in a degree or certificate seeking program.

### **I Wish to Participate in the A+ Schools Program in the Fort Zumwalt School District.**

As an A+ student, I may receive reimbursement for college expenses. This reimbursement may be for the cost of tuition, general fees and up to fifty percent (50%) of the book cost. All financial incentives are based on Missouri state funding through legislative appropriations. **This financial assistance is on the condition that I meet the following requirements:**

1. Attend a designated A+ School for three (3) consecutive years prior to high school graduation;
2. Graduate from high school with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
3. Have at least 95% attendance for the four-year period;
4. **Beginning with the 2011-12 freshman class, students must score Proficient or higher on the Algebra I End of Course Test;**
5. Graduate with fifty (50) documented hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring of students in approved settings;
6. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol;
7. Make a good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds during the last semester of senior year.
8. All males who reach their 18th birthday must register for the Selective Service .

### **To maintain eligibility after high school graduation, I understand that I must meet the following requirements:**

1. Enroll and attend on a full-time basis a Missouri public community college or public vocational-technical school.
2. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Make a good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance each year.

## **A+ Makes Sense!**

St. Charles Community College - \$5,100\* based on a 2-year degree program.

St. Louis Community College - \$7,872\* based on a 2-year degree program and out-of-district tuition for St. Charles residents.

Linn State Technical College - \$12,280\* based on a 2-year degree program. \* Approximate cost for tuition and common fees for 2007-2008.

## **Workforce Projections**

By the Year 2010...

20% of the jobs available will require a four-year college education.

75% of the jobs available will require technical skills and post-secondary education.

5% of the jobs available will require no specialized training.

## **A+ Eligibility...**

**State funds for continued education at a Missouri community college or vocational/technical school may be available to students fulfilling the following requirements:**

Sign an agreement expressing intent to participate in the A+ Schools Program.

Attend an A+ designated school for three (3) consecutive years prior to high school graduation.

Graduate from high school with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Maintain a four-year attendance record of 95% or higher.

Graduate with fifty (50) documented hours of unpaid tutoring of younger students in an approved setting.

Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.

Make a good faith effort to secure all available post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.

All males who reach their 18th birthday must register for the Selective Service.

## **A+ Goals...**

All students will graduate from high school

All students will complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and has identified learning expectations

All students will proceed from high school graduation to a college, post-secondary vocational/technical school, or a high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities

## **Career Paths**

Arts and Communications

Business, Management, & Technology

Health Services

Human Services

Industrial & Engineering Technology

Natural Resources