

Winfield High School
A+ School Participation Agreement

_____ I wish to participate in the A+ Schools Program at Winfield High School.

(Please complete attached documents)

_____ I **DO NOT** wish to participate in the A+ Schools Program at Winfield High School.

(Sign below and return this sheet with attached forms left blank)

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

If state funds are available and Winfield High School maintains its status as a designated A+ School prior to my graduation, I will receive reimbursement for the college expenses determined by the Missouri General Assembly while attending a Missouri public community college or public career/technical school on a full-time basis. This reimbursement will be for the unpaid balance **after federal post-secondary financial assistance funds** (that do not require repayment) have been applied. It will be available for up to two (2) years of attendance during the four-year period after my graduation from high school. This is on the condition that I meet the following requirements:

1. Enter into a written agreement and have attended an A+ designated high school for **two** (2) years prior to high school graduation.
2. Graduated with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher on a four 4.0-point scale (non- weighted)
3. Have at least a 95 percent average daily attendance record for the four-year period.
To be eligible for the Missouri A+ Schools Program, students must maintain a 95% overall attendance rate for grades 9-12, which includes all absences, both excused and unexcused.
4. Graduate with (50) documented hours of unpaid tutoring of younger students in approved settings in the Winfield School District of which up to 25% may include job shadowing.
5. Maintain a record of **good citizenship** and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol as defined by the Winfield High School A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines grades 9-12.
6. Make a documented good faith effort to **secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance** funds during the last semester of the senior year so as to obtain the A+ financial incentive.
7. Apply for Selective Service, if applicable.
8. Achieved a score of **proficient** or **advanced** on the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra 2 end of course exam. If EOC score is not met a PREACT or ACT math score of 17 or greater and a 2.5 GPA, 16 and a 2.8 GPA, or a 15 and a 3.0 or greater will complete the math requirement.
9. Be a United States Citizen.

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 career/ technical school.
2. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

A+ Coordinator Signature

Date

**The financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program are dependent upon state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly. They are not the funding responsibility of the Winfield R-IV School District.*

PLEASE **PRINT** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____ Street
Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____ Date of Birth
_____ Age _____ Gender: M F Grade _____
Anticipated Graduation Year _____
Are you a transfer student _____ From what School _____

A+ Tutoring Agreement

Student/Parent Agreement:

As a student earning tutoring hours through the A+ Schools Program, I accept responsibility to:

- ❖ Obtain approval for tutoring assignments through the A+ Coordinator
- ❖ Attend the required training session
- ❖ Provide 50 hours of unpaid tutoring in an approved setting
- ❖ Arrive promptly and attend regularly. (In the event of an emergency I will notify both the A+ Coordinator and the supervising teacher.)
- ❖ Work with a positive attitude and willingly assume assigned tasks
- ❖ Treat all supervising administrators, teachers, and students with respect
- ❖ Be sensitive to the needs of all students and respect the principle of confidentiality
- ❖ Wear clothing appropriate to the activity
- ❖ Follow the guidance found in the A+ Tutoring Manual and the Winfield R-IV School District disciplinary guidelines

I agree to accept the opportunities and obligations associated with the tutoring component of the A+ Schools Program. I understand I may be dismissed from the program for failure to comply with the guidelines of the program. (In doing so, I would no longer be eligible for benefits through the A+ Schools Program).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

My son/daughter has discussed with me the tutoring component of the A+ Schools Program, and I give permission for him/her to participate in the required tutoring activities. I understand that my son/daughter may be riding the bus to/from other buildings to assume tutoring assignments.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

The conduct of the student listed above has been in satisfactory and in accordance with the standards of good discipline. He/she is considered a credible citizen and therefore eligible to participate in the tutoring component of the A+ Schools Program.

A+ Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Winfield High School
A+ Schools Program Citizenship Guidelines

An important component of the A+ Schools Program is the fostering of good citizenship in our district's students. Students participating in the A+ Schools Program must maintain a record of good citizenship to qualify for post-secondary financial incentives. Good citizenship is demonstrated by respect for school, self, and community. Any student who participates in the A+ Schools Program must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for participation.

A student whose character or conduct reflects credit upon himself/herself and/or his/her school is considered a creditable citizen and is therefore eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program should remember the rewards of the Student Financial Incentive, and the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it. The rewards are great: two years of state-paid assistance, providing funding is available, for successful completion of a program to a post-secondary career/technical school or community college in the state of Missouri.

The following criteria regarding the school's discipline policy will serve as a measurable indicator of respect for self, school, and good citizenship:

1. Students who are convicted of a felony will not qualify.
2. Substance abuse—an A+ student will not sell, possess, transport, or use any controlled substances, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia as defined by law unless prescribed by a licensed physician.
3. Suspension—Students will lose eligibility for the program if they accumulate 10 or more days of suspension (In School or Out of School) during their high school career, grades 9-12, for offenses other than alcohol/drugs or violations of the Safe Schools Act.
4. Criminal Activity/Violations of the Safe Schools Act—students who are disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Act of 1996 will lose eligibility for the A+ Schools Program. These violations include, but are not limited to assault, weapons possession, and drug distribution.
5. Accumulation of 5 or more days of Out of School Suspension (OSS) during high school career will result in A+ probation. 10 days or more of Out of School Suspension (OSS) will result in automatic removal from the program.

Citizenship Appeals Process

The following process may be used by students/parents to appeal a disciplinary decision that may affect the student's A+ qualification:

1. Students/parents have ten (10) days from the date of notification of disqualification to appeal a decision that is made dealing with discipline or probation. Anyone making an appeal should use the *A+ Appeal of Citizenship Form* available from the A+ Schools Coordinator.
2. The basis of the appeal must be submitted in writing through the office of the A+ Schools Coordinator. The students/parents may make the appeal in writing or make a presentation before the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee.
3. Upon receiving a written appeal or solicitation for presentation, the A+ coordinator will convene the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee composed of the principal, an assistant principal, the student's counselor, and the A+ coordinator (as a facilitator, non-voting member). After the A+ Citizenship Appeals Committee reaches a decision, the parents/guardian will be notified in writing.

I agree to accept and follow the citizenship guidelines of the A+ Schools Program; I understand I may be dismissed from the program for failure to comply with the guidelines of the program. In doing so, I would no longer be eligible for benefits through the A+ Schools program.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

My son/daughter has discussed with me the Citizenship Guidelines of the A+ Schools Program. I understand that my son/daughter is responsible for his/her behavior in compliance with this program.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____