



About A+ Schools Program

Mehlville High School is one of Missouri's A+ Schools. A+ Schools Program is a comprehensive program of curricular, technological, guidance, and instructional curriculums designed to better meet the needs of all students, regardless of whether they plan to attend a traditional four-year college, a community college, a vocational or technical school, or plan to enter the labor force upon graduating from high school. Schools that achieve an A+ School designation, provide an opportunity for students who complete the program to obtain financial incentives for post-secondary education. (Financial incentives are contingent upon state funding)

In order to be eligible for the financial incentives of this program, a student must be certified as an A+ student by MHS. To qualify, the student must meet the following A+ guidelines:

- Enter into a written agreement with MHS and have attended a designated A+ School for at least two consecutive years prior to graduation.
- Graduate from MHS with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Math requirement ... **see below***
- Graduate from MHS with cumulative attendance of 95% or higher.
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring on a Mehlville District campus, supervised by a Mehlville faculty member.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.
- Demonstrate good faith effort to secure federal financial assistance through completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to graduation.
- For specific details please read the A+ Booklet on-line.

Math Requirement*

Students must score advanced or proficient on the Missouri Algebra I End of Course (EOC) test, or meet the combined ACT Math/High School GPA score.

ACT Math Score and High School GPA

17	and	2.5 or greater
16	and	2.8 or greater
15	and	3.0 or greater

- **Updated annually by MDHE**
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Contact Dr. Jessica Schmelzle/A+ Coordinator at (314) 467-6002 or Mrs. Bev Shannon/Administrative Assistant at (314) 467-6012, if you have any questions regarding the A+ Schools Program.



Common Questions about the A+ Schools program:

Q: When can students join the A+ Program?

Students may join any time after second semester of their freshman year.

Q: When can a student begin tutoring?

A student may begin tutoring after they have attended one of the Tutor Training sessions and have turned in their signed A+ agreement to the A+ Office.

Q: What are the guidelines for tutoring? When can a student begin tutoring? Where may tutoring activities be performed?

Tutoring should be academic in nature and always be supervised by district staff. Tutoring may be for students younger, older or the same age as the student and may be performed before, during or after the school day or during summer school. All tutoring should take place in a Mehlville School District facility and supervised by a Mehlville faculty member.

Q: Does a student qualify for A+ incentive funding if his/her high school GPA upon graduation is less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and/or the student's cumulative attendance rate are less than 95%?

No. The A+ Schools Program does not permit rounding up of the GPA percentage. The average attendance rate must be figured over a four-year period and must be a solid 95% or higher.

Q: Are students eligible for A+ incentive funds when they transfer from one high school to another?

The law requires a student to complete two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation in a designated A+ high school. This can be a combination of schools as long as the schools involved are A+ designated high schools. The high school which the student exits and the high school the student enters must both be A+ designated high schools in order for the students to be eligible for A+ incentive funds upon graduation.

Q: Can a student who during high school enrolls in classes for dual credit be reimbursed through the A+ Schools Program for the postsecondary credit?

No. A student's eligibility becomes effective following high school graduation.

Q: Is a student required to submit a federal financial aid application before A+ incentive funds are available to the student for tuition?

Yes. The law governing the A+ Schools Program requires all students to make a good faith effort to first secure all available federal sources of funding that could be applied to the reimbursement of tuition and general fees assessed all full-time students.