

A+ Program

In an effort to enhance educational opportunities for high school students, the Missouri State Legislature established the Outstanding Schools Act (OSA) of 1993, which includes the provisions of the A+ Schools Program. Graduates from Southern Boone County High School who meet specific A+ criteria will be eligible to receive reimbursement for tuition to attend any public community college, vocational or technical school in the State of Missouri.

The three major goals of the A+ Schools Program are:

- all students will graduate from high school
- all students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and for which identified learning expectations have been established
- all students proceed from high school graduation to a college, postsecondary vocational/technical school, or obtain high-wage employment

In April of 2000, Southern Boone County High School became designated as an A+ School. As a result, graduates of Southern Boone County High School who meet the following standards are eligible for the two years of financial incentives provided State appropriations are made available:

- enter into a written participation agreement with the high school and attend a designated A+ school for three consecutive years prior to high school graduation
- 95% attendance record for the four year period
- graduate from high school with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average
- 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring of younger students
- maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol
- make a good faith effort to secure federal postsecondary student financial assistance funds
- beginning with the high school senior class of 2015, students must obtain a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam

Should you have any questions concerning the A+ Schools Program, please contact David Shire at 573-657-2144.