

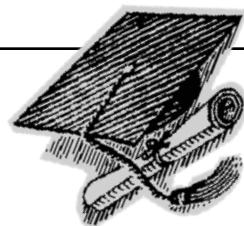
MENTORING / TUTORING REQUIREMENT - "MAT" PROGRAM

A student who participates in the A+ Scholarship Program will perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring during the four years in high school. The Park Hill MAT (Mentoring and Tutoring) Program is designed to prepare students for this activity through training workshops in which skills, responsibilities and opportunities are discussed. Thereafter, it is a student's choice whether to begin the actual mentoring/tutoring. The following steps must be taken:

- Participate in a MAT Training Workshop
- Watch daily bulletin, website and A+ bulletin board for MAT opportunities
- Sign up for A+ approved activities in the A+ Office
- Arrive at the assigned worksite on time, sign in and make contact with the site supervisor
- Contact worksite if unable to attend on the assigned day
- Maintain a Log Sheet for each assignment and return it upon completion of the assignment to the A+ Office

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Information regarding MAT opportunities will be publicized on a regular basis within the school. Students are advised that failure to accept the responsibility of the MAT Program can result in a conference with the A+ Coordinator, a letter to parents/guardians and possible termination of the assignment prior to its completion. All assignments must take place on school sites, be sponsored by the school/district and be supervised by school/district personnel. Once the assignment is completed, the site supervisor will sign paperwork that must be returned by the student to the A+ Coordinator's Office where hours will be recorded and forms will be kept on file.



A+ Scholarship Program "Planning for a Successful Future"

Pending yearly A+ re-designation by the
State Board of Education
as well as state funding of the Program.
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Park Hill School District

A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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WHAT IS AN A+ SCHOOL?

The Outstanding Schools Act established the A+ Schools Program to provide grant awards to Missouri's public secondary schools in 1993. During the spring of 1996, Park Hill High School was selected by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as an A+ Schools Grant recipient. For three years the A+ Schools grant provided the opportunity and funding for Park Hill to make basic changes designed to guide students in a rigorous program of academic and technical education that will prepare them for the workplace, post-secondary vocational/technical training or college. With the Missouri State Board of Education's approval, members of the class of 1999 were the first to receive the A+ Financial Reimbursement benefits and pending yearly A+ re-designation by the State Board of Education, this opportunity will be available for use at any Missouri Public Community College, Vocational or Technical School.

GOALS OF AN A+ SCHOOL

- To ensure that all students graduate from high school
- To ensure that all students complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and has identified learning experiences
- To ensure that all students proceed from high school graduation to a college, a post-secondary vocational or technical school, or a high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities

A+ STUDENT BENEFITS

Graduating seniors who qualify for the A+ benefit are eligible for two years of tuition at any Missouri public community college or state vocational or technical school. Financial incentives will be made available after the student has made a good faith effort to first secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require payment. Parents must complete and submit online the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may receive this incentive for a maximum of four (4) semesters and must be enrolled as a FULL – TIME student and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the institution. Students are eligible to use the incentive for UP TO FOUR YEARS after high school graduation.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

A student must sign and submit an A+ Scholarship Letter of Intent as part of the eligibility requirements. Seniors must have this letter on file by November 3. All students are encouraged to enroll during their freshman year.

REQUIREMENTS

EACH STUDENT SEEKING TO EARN THE A+ FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Sign a written A+ Letter of Intent agreement
- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average (over 4 years)
- Maintain 95% attendance (average over 4 years)
- Complete 50 hours of tutoring or mentoring
- Beginning with the Class of 2015: Pass the Algebra I end of course exam.
- Maintain good citizenship (over 4 years)
- Avoid unlawful drug use (over 4 years)
- Complete three years of consecutive attendance at an A+ high school ending with graduation
- Complete and submit the FAFSA for federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment
- Register for Selective Service (males) upon 18th birthday

GRADE POINT REQUIREMENT

Students who participate in an A+ Scholarship Program must graduate from high school with the grade point average of two and five-tenths (2.5) points or higher on a four (4.0) point scale, (weighted or unweighted).

- The cumulative grade point average is for a student's entire high school career.
- There will be no rounding of grade point (i.e. a 2.48 is not a 2.5).
- The student's official transcript will serve as evidence of grade point average for admission to a public community college or public vocational or technical school.

Upon notification by the A+ Coordinator, the high school registrar will stamp, with an official state seal, the student's A+ completion on his/her official transcript.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

A student who participates in an A+ Scholarship Program must have a least a ninety-five percent (95%) attendance record throughout his/her high school career.

- The official attendance records shall be kept by the Park Hill School District and made available to the A+ Coordinator for record keeping purposes.
- The only excused absences will be those designated as Field Trips or Homebound. All others will count against the 95% requirement.
- An Appeals Process is available to those families who wish to have an attendance record reviewed.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

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- A student will be disqualified if suspended for 10 or more days out of school.
- An Appeals Process is available to those families who wish to have their student's Citizenship Record reviewed.