



A+ Training and Certification
Liberty Public Schools
Liberty North High School

WHY A+

- A+ Program provides significant college funds to former Liberty and Liberty North graduates.
- LPS graduates that meet state academic guidelines can qualify for up to three years full tuition to any public community college or technical school in the state of Missouri.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Do I have to have A+ Grades?

No, but there are requirements from the state.

Also, you will be asked to answer yes/no questions to verify your understanding of policies following this training.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF A+

- Up to three years of free tuition at any community college or technical school in the state of Missouri.
- Some four-year colleges are offering their own scholarship for A+ eligible students.
- Security in case your plans change



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Sign a written agreement with LPS
- Attend an A+ designated school for 3 consecutive years prior to graduation
- Complete an A+ training session

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Graduate from high school with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Have maintained a cumulative attendance records of at least 95% over four years.
(When absent from school for medical reasons, provide physician office documentation to the attendance office.)
3. Perform 50+ hours of approved unpaid academic tutoring at a Liberty District School Site.
4. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of drugs and alcohol, as defined by the Liberty Public School District's Policy.
5. Make a good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary financial assistance funds (FAFSA). www.fafsa.ed.gov/
6. Register with the selective service (males only). www.sss.gov/
7. Class of 2015 and beyond: must score proficient or advanced on the state level Algebra I EOC (End of Course Exam).

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

1. See the A+ Administrative Assistant to fill out the A+ Schools Program Application.
2. Complete the A+ training
3. Get started tutoring in a cooperating school

A+ TUTORING

Get your A+ Tutoring hours:

- Summer School support (3 of the 4 weeks = 50 hours)
- Before and after school
 - Kids Zone at an elementary school
 - Peer tutoring (must take place on school property, supervised by an LPS employee, and be unpaid)
 - Study Hall (must have a teacher and class to attend daily)
 - EIP during your senior year or Child Care and guidance internships, senior year.

WHAT IS EIP?

- Educational Internship Program designed for students interested in pursuing education as a career.
- A+ Students interested in obtaining tutoring hours can enroll in one semester.
- Senior level class.
- Northwest Dual Credit Optional Educational Practicum Course
- Tutoring, activities, and learning how kids learn is the focus of the course
- Students are placed in LPS elementary schools.

A+ STANDARD OF CONDUCT

A+ volunteer Characteristics

- Honest in approach and attitude
- Flexible in responding to the needs of younger students or peers
- Friendly to all teachers and children
- Willing to follow the rules of cooperating schools
- Willing to be a role model
- Willing to accept A+ volunteer assignments with an open mind and willingness to learn.

DRESS CODE

- Elementary and middle level A+ tutors will be required to follow all the dress code guidelines for their cooperating schools.
- Be cognizant of the fact that at the elementary level, you sit with legs crossed and you often lean down to meet eye level of younger students.
- High School A+ Tutors will be required to follow the dress code of LHS and LNHS.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMMUNICATION

- All student information is confidential.
- A+ experiences are not posted on Facebook or Instagram, tweeted, discussed, or “gossiped.”
- A+ students communicate honestly and ask questions and express concerns when needed.
- A+ students know that teachers are responsible for content and instruction and A+ play a supporting role.
- A+ students do not criticize or make negative comments about teachers or students.
- A+ students treat all members of the school district with respect and equality.

SAFETY IS #1

- If you have any concern about the safety of a student or any information that indicates that a student may harm him/herself or another person that information must be reported to the teacher or principal. This is required by law.
- If a student reports abuse or abuse is suspected, that information must be reported to the teacher or principal, this is required by law.
- This information must not be repeated to friends, relatives, co-workers, or acquaintances.
- A+ students are required to disclose any arrests or convictions of child abuse or mistreatment to the A+ administration and have no such events since the date of application.

PHYSICAL CONTACT CODE

- A+ students do not lend money, friend on Facebook or Instagram, or follow on Twitter
- A+ students shall limit physical contact with students to generally accepted gestures of greeting, guidance, or praise (avoiding all personal/private area contact).
 - For example:
 - Pat on the back
 - Shaking hands
 - Fist bump/High Five
 - Side to side hug
- A+ Students are always tutoring with a member of the school district personnel on site on school property during school hours or extended day (Kid's Zone)



BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

- A+ behavior demonstrates respect to all members of the same and opposite gender, all ethnic/racial and religious groups. Tutors do not make any comments that can be construed as inappropriate.
- A+ students should model ideal student behavior in their cooperating class or school setting.
- A+ students are discouraged from having contact with the students they tutor outside of the professional setting. This includes emails, phone calls, and text messages.
- The A+ administration does not authorize, therefore, have responsibility for any such outside contacts.

PROCEDURES

- A+ students are required to sign in and out of cooperating buildings and show proper ID if asked.
- Attend any A+ meetings required by A+ Administration
- Email cooperating teacher and school office if unable to attend at scheduled time.
- Abide by school district policies when traveling to and from A+ activities.
- A+ students will keep an accurate log of all A+ tutoring hours. Time sheets can be found along the wall in the Counseling Center.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TIPS

- Elementary school students are excited and eager to learn and there are procedures and structures in place to help. Encourage students to sit in body basics, follow instructions, and model that behavior.
- Young students do not understand sarcasm nor is it appropriate for A+ students to be sarcastic with students at any level.
- Have fun, smile a lot, and be prepared to help students stay engaged with simple redirection statements or questions.
- Be sincere. Your goal is student understanding.
 - Can I help with this?
 - Are you working on what Mrs. O said?
 - Will you try this one for me?

TUTORING WORKS

Who are you tutoring and what are their needs . . .

Get to know your students and be patient when you are explaining or even re-explaining.



Repetitions to learn:

Gifted – 1 to 5 repetitions

Average – 10 to 24 repetitions

Strugglers – 35+ repetitions

MIDDLE LEVEL TUTORING TIPS

1. Be a good listener. Learn to pick up clues in your student's speech that enable you to understand how he is really feeling. A good listener does not dominate the conversation! Often a student will give you clues about their learning: Information deficit, background knowledge, hidden misconceptions, math anxiety, etc.
2. Teach the student how to learn. As a tutor your ultimate goal is to help the student become an independent learner.

HIGH SCHOOL TUTORING TIPS

1. Be confident. You were chosen for qualities that enable you to be a good tutor and role model. Establish rapport with cooperating teacher and class. However, having confidence also means having the courage to admit you don't know an answer. Be honest with your student; tell her you'll need to do your homework – and then follow through. She may actually feel better knowing you're not perfect (and it is a great opportunity to teach learning skills.)
2. Be professional. Except for discussing your student with staff and/or faculty, information about the student and or their progress must be kept confidential. Remain positive and student focused during all conversations.

ELIGIBLE A+ COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Arcadia Valley Career Technical Ctr.
Boonslick Technical Educational Ctr.
Brookfield Area Career Center
Cap Girardeau Car & Tech Center
Car & Tech Center at Ft. Osage
Carrollton Area Career Center
Carthage Technical Center
Cass Career Center
Clinton Technical School
Columbia Area Career Center
Crowder College
Current River Career Center
Dallas County Career Center
Davis H. Hart Career Center
East Central College
Eldon Career Center
Excelsior Springs Career Center
Four Rivers Career Center
Franklin Technology Center
Gibson Technical Center
Grand River Technical School
Hannibal Career & Tech Center
Herndon Career Center

Hillyard Technical Center
Kennett Career & Tech Center
Kirksville Area Tech Center
Jefferson College
Lake Career & Technical Center
Lamar Area Voc-Tech School
Lebanon Tech & Career Center
Lewis & Clark Career Center
Lex La-Ray Technical Center
Linn State Technical College
Macon Area Vocational School
Metropolitan Community College
Mineral Area College
Missouri State University – Wes Plains
Moberly Area Community College
Nevada Regional Tech Center
New Madrid R-I Tech Skills Ctr.
Nichols Career Center
North Central Career Center
North Central Missouri College
North Technical
Northland Career Center
Northwest Technical School

Ozark Mountain Technical Center
Ozarks Technical Community College
Pemiscot Co career & Tech Center
Perryville Area Car & Tech Ctr.
Pike/Lincoln Technical Center
Poplar bluff Technical Career Center
Ranken Technical College
Rolla Technical Inst.
Saline Co. Career Center
Sikeston Career & Tech, Center
South Central Career Center
South Technical
Southwest Area Career Center
St. Charles Community College
St. Louis Community College
State Fair Community College
Three Rivers Community College
Unitec Career Center
Warrensburg Area Career Center
Waynesville Technical Academy

4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES OFFERING A+ SCHOLARSHIPS/INCENTIVES*

Avila University
Central Methodist University
Columbia College
Drury University
Fontbonne University
Kansas City Art Institute
Missouri Southern State University
Missouri Western State University
Missouri Valley College
Northwest Missouri State University
Park University
Rockhurst University
Southwest Missouri State
Stephens College
Truman State University
Webster University

University Conditions

* The list may be incomplete and is also based upon the continuation of funding. Therefore, it is best to contact the financial aid office at the specific college or university to inquire about A+



UNIVERSITY CONDITIONS

For Example:

Avila University
Kansas City, MO



A+ Recognition Scholarship

- \$4000 annually for 4 years
- Minimum 20 ACT Composite
- Maintain a 2.85 cumulative GPA for renewal
- May not be combined with any other Avila academic scholarship

QUESTIONS?

Contact the A+ Coordinator or the A+ Administrative Assistant:

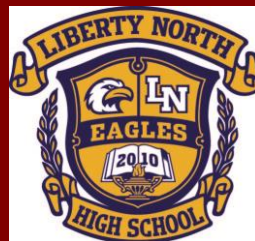
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