FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL
A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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A+ Schools Participation Agreement

Student Name _____ Class of _____

As an accredited A+ School, Festus R-6 students *may* qualify for ***state-paid*** tuition and fees to any Missouri public community college or approved post-secondary vocational/technical school. Eligibility for the A+ Program expires once one of the following factors has been met: 48 months after high school graduation, receipt of an associate's degree, or the completion of 105% of the required hours for the student's program of study. The financial incentives will come from the State of Missouri, not from the Festus R-6 School District.

To be eligible for these incentives, students and parents must be aware of and understand the criteria listed below which must be met by the student:

1. Must enter into a written *A+ Participation Agreement (this form)* and attend an A+ designated high school for at least two (2) years prior to graduation.
2. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
3. Graduate from Festus High School with an unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. Have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12.
5. Perform 50 hours of unpaid school sponsored and supervised tutoring/mentoring.
6. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol. The signatures below give Festus High School A+ representatives permission to examine and evaluate the cumulative disciplinary record of the student.
7. Score Advanced or Proficient on the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam (or a higher level DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics) or earn an eligible score on ACT Math.
8. Realize that tuition reimbursement will be made only if the state funds the program and the student has made a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require payment (must complete a FAFSA form).
9. After graduation, maintain eligibility by enrolling and attending on a full time basis at a Missouri public community college or approved post-secondary vocational/technical school; and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 point scale.

Student Signature date

A+ Coordinator Signature date

Parent Signature date

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