



Fox High School

A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HANDBOOK

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Vision & Mission

Missouri's *Outstanding Schools Act of 1993* established provisions for the implementation of the A+ Scholarship Program. Guidelines, procedures and policies are established by the individual school districts. Fox High School was designated an A+ School in 2005. The goals of an A+ School are to ensure that:

- All students graduate from high school
- All complete a selection of high school studies that is challenging and has identified learning expectations.
- All students proceed from high school graduation to a college, post-secondary vocational or technical school or a high wage job with workplace skill development opportunities.
- Any graduate of an officially designated A+ school who has met the specified requirements is eligible to attend any state community college, vocational or technical school free of cost for up to two years. Tuition and fees are paid for by the state. A graduate of an A+ school has a four year window to complete their two years of studies.
- The funding for the A+ Scholarship Program is dependant upon Fox High School maintaining it's A+ School Status and the availability of budgetary appropriations for the Missouri General Assembly. These costs will be paid only after secured federal financial assistance funds that do not require repayment {not loans} have been applied and all requirements are fulfilled.

Responsibilities

Maintain the designation of being an A+ School
Administer the program in a fair and consistent manner

Treat all A+ students fairly and equitably

Maintain files and information for each student

Update the student and parents about their status

Help students obtain their tutoring/mentoring

hours Certify to the State of Missouri the students who have achieved this status upon graduation

Notify the student and parents immediately if it is determined that a student is no longer eligible for A+ student status

A+ COORDINATOR

STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Submission of the signed A+ School Agreement form to the A+ Coordinator prior to end of the first semester of their senior year

Work with the A+ Coordinator to obtain their required tutoring/mentoring hours

Represent our school in all district settings with respect, responsibility and integrity

Maintain their tutoring/mentoring logs with proper signatures

Continue to meet the requirements to be certified as an A+ student upon high school graduation

Requirements



Attendance

Attend a designated A+ high school for two years prior to graduation. Maintain at least a 95% cumulative attendance record over four years of high school.



GPA

Maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average over four years of high school. The student's official transcript will serve as evidence of grade point average.



Test Scores

Achieve a score of Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I End-of-Course exam (EOC); OR achieve a qualifying math subscore on the ACT test. See page 6 for details.



Discipline

Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.

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Tutoring/Mentoring

Perform a total of 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring during four years of high school.



Federal Aid

Make a good faith effort to first secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) your senior year.



Tutoring/Mentoring

The purpose of tutoring/mentoring is to fulfill the requirements of the A+ Program and to serve as a role model for the younger students in our district. This is a rewarding experience for all of our students.

Always remember that you represent Seckman High School and follow our guidelines for conduct, language, and dress code.

Always be reliable, prompt and punctual. Let the A+ Secretary know if you are not able to keep your commitment due to work, illness, etc.

Tutoring/mentoring cannot be started until the end of 1st semester of the student's freshman year, and should be completed by April 15th of the student's senior year.

Tutoring/mentoring must be done on a Fox C-6 District campus under the supervision of a Fox C-6 District employee.

Tutoring/mentoring activities may occur before, during, or after the school day and may occur during the school year or during summer school.

A tutoring/mentoring log must be kept by the student and signed by the school staff member supervising the activity. It is the responsibility of the A+ Student to make sure that all completed logs are turned in to the A+ Coordinator or A+ Secretary each semester.

Only activities that have been properly documented on the A+ tutoring/mentoring log, signed by the supervising Fox C-6 District employee, and filed in the A+ office, will be counted toward the 50-hour requirement.

Tutoring/mentoring opportunities should not be confused with community service.



Good Citizenship

The Seckman A+ Advisory Committee believes that creditable school citizens are those citizens whose conduct, both in and out of school, will reflect positively upon themselves and the school. Students who are designated A+ students should demonstrate distinctive qualities and be role models for other students.

Determination of good citizenship will be based on the official

discipline

record maintained by the administrative office of the high school. The Assistant Principal in charge of discipline assigns consequences for infractions of the discipline code, and that administrator is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the student's discipline record.

DISQUALIFYING BEHAVIOR

Student **use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol**, as evidenced by civil conviction or suspension from school

Conviction of a felony that is verifiable and either a matter of public record or communicated to school officials in compliance with the Safe Schools Act

Schools **suspensions of 10 or more days** due to drugs, alcohol, fights or assaults

Excessive in- or out-of-school suspensions will be reviewed by a Review Committee to determine if the student should be removed from the program, or be put on probation with the possibility of appealing their senior year.



Other Details...

TEST SCORES

If you meet all of the eligibility requirements except the Algebra I End-of- Course (EOC) requirement, you may establish eligibility by achieving a combined ACT math subscore and high school GPA in accordance with the following scale. You may achieve the qualifying score as a high school student or as a post-secondary student. If you achieve the score as a post- secondary student, you may be eligible for an award in the same term that you take the test.

ACT MATH SCORE and HIGH SCHOOL GPA

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

APPEALS

A student/parent has the right to appeal if they become ineligible for the A+ Scholarship Program due to behavior or attendance issues. The student/parent will be notified if they are eligible for the appeal process. At end of student's senior year, the A+ Appeals Committee, composed of five members appointed by the A+ Coordinator, will meet to review the appeal. The student/parent will be notified in advance of a hearing date and can choose to meet in person with the committee or submit their appeal in writing. The A+ Coordinator will act as facilitator and a nonvoting member of the Appeals Committee. After the Appeals Committee reaches a decision, the A+ Coordinator will notify the student/parent.

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Fox High School A+
School Agreement



Student Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

A student who qualifies according to the following criteria and continues an education at an A+ approved Missouri Public Community College or vocational/technical school may be eligible for tuition and general fees for up to two years, within four years after graduation, contingent upon state appropriation and allocation of funding, and Fox High School maintaining A+ School designation. Each student should enter into a written agreement with their high school prior to the end of the 1st semester their senior year. To be eligible the student must:

- Attend a designated A+ high school for two years prior to graduation
- Graduate from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5
- Graduate from high school with at least a 95% cumulative attendance record
- Perform a total of 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring on a Fox C-6 district campus under the supervision of a Fox C-6 district employee
- Make documented, good faith effort to secure all available federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) their senior year
- Maintain a record of good citizenship as outlined in the handbook. Note the disqualifications and appeal process if one qualifies
- Achieve Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I EOC; or achieve a qualifying math subscore on the ACT test
- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident in order to receive reimbursement under the A+ Scholarship Program

We have read the A+ Scholarship Program Handbook and agree to follow the guidelines outlined. We understand that failure to follow these guidelines may result in the loss of future tutoring/mentoring assignments and not receiving the scholarship.

Student signature & Parent/Guardian

Date

A+ Coordinator Signature

Date