

A+ SCHOOLS AGREEMENT

Ozark High School

Print: Student Name _____ Graduation Year _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Students graduating from a designated Missouri A+ School may qualify to receive financial assistance to cover tuition and general fees (dependent upon annual appropriation and funding by the state legislature) to attend a Missouri public community college or vocational/technical school.

To be eligible, per the Missouri Department of Higher Education A+ Scholarship Requirements, each student must have:

1. entered into a written agreement with the school prior to high school graduation;
2. attended a designated A+ School for 2 years prior to high school graduation;
3. maintained at least a 95% overall attendance record for grades 9 through 12;
4. graduated from high school with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
5. performed 50 hours of unpaid, school-based tutoring or mentoring for younger students;
6. maintained a record of good citizenship, as defined by the student handbook, avoided the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol, and not violated the Ozark R-VI student alcohol/drug abuse policy;
7. achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam (EOC) or other MDHE approved Mathematics score.

A student will IMMEDIATELY forfeit the opportunity if any of the following occur:

- Receive 15 or more days of ISS or OSS over their 4 year high school career.
- Receive 11 or more days of OSS over their 4 year high school career.
- Violate Ozark Schools drug/alcohol/substance abuse policy (possessing, consuming, or distributing alcohol or drugs).
- Unlawfully use or possess drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol on or off school property during the four-year period immediately prior to graduation.
- Convicted of a felony.
- Pled guilty or *nolo contendere* (no contest) to, received a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended execution of sentence for, agreed to a deferred prosecution for, or been convicted or found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony

The student financial assistance will be available for a period of 48 months immediately following high school graduation. Students must fill out a FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students who enroll in a Missouri public community college or vocational/technical school during that time period must enroll as a full-time student and maintain a GAP of 2.5 or higher to maintain eligibility.

Signing this form indicates that the student and parent are aware of how to qualify for the A+ Scholarship and what actions can cause the immediate removal from the A+ Program.

- Yes, I would like to participate in the A+ Schools Program, and I agree to satisfy all of the requirements and adhere to the policies of the A+ Financial Assistance Program.
- No, I do not wish to participate in the A+ School Program.

_____ Student Signature	_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
_____ High School Principal	_____ A+ Coordinator	_____ Date

Note: The A+ Schools Financial Assistance program is dependent upon annual appropriation and funding by the Missouri State Legislature and is not the responsibility of the Ozark R-VI School District. --Revised February 2021