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 approved Missouri public community college or 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 three (3) consecutive 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 tutoring or 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 available only after the student has made a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require payment.
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.

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Student Signature date A+ Coordinator Signature date

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Parent Signature date