



## BSHS A+ Program

# A+ Newsletter—Spring 2007

## Are you STILL not enrolled in the A+ Program?? You are missing out!!

It isn't too late to sign up! The A+ Program offers qualifying students two free years of tuition to a community college or vocational school. Some four year schools offer partial scholarships as well. To qualify you must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA (unweighted, unrounded), maintain 95% Average Daily Attendance, complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring, maintain good citizenship, avoid the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, attend an A+ designated school for three years, register for the selective service (if required by law) and complete a FAFSA your senior year.

### Reminders

If you are a junior and have not started on your 50 hours of tutoring/mentoring, you need to begin ASAP! Stop by the LA office for info. Tutor training dates are below. There is one THIS week! Information about summer school tutoring is attached. If you want to tutor during summer school, sign up in the LA office.

Keep an eye on your GPA and attendance so you maintain your A+ eligibility. If you miss school for medical reasons, make sure you turn in a doctor's note to the attendance or LA office.



### Resources

Take some time to explore your college and career options! Use the Missouri Connections website:

[www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org)

You can take assessments that show your interests and areas of strength. You can also discover what you need to study to pursue certain careers and research colleges of your choice. This website also allows you to develop resumes, cover letters and more.

### MYTHS ABOUT THE A+ Program:

**-You have to have A+ grades to join.**  
*Not true! You need a 2.5 cumulative, unweighted GPA (about a C+ average).*

**-I don't know enough to tutor someone else.**  
*Not true! Tutors are needed at all grade levels. If you don't feel comfortable tutoring a high school student, sign up to work at one of the elementary schools.*

## Have you been to a TUTOR TRAINING?

All A+ students must attend ONE training session before tutoring. These are the remaining dates for this school year. You can schedule an individual training by making an appointment with Mrs. Armstrong in the LA office.

Thursday, March 15, 2007	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Tuesday, May 1, 2007	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Tuesday, May 8, 2007	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Wednesday, May 9, 2007	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs South HS Media Center

# Frequently Asked Questions

**1) Is it too late to sign up for the A+ Program?**

No. You can sign up at any point as long as you can have enough time to fulfill all of the requirements.

**2) I think I signed up for the A+ Program, but I'm not sure. How do I check?**

Stop by the LA office and see Mrs. Hult or Mrs. Armstrong

**3) I need tutoring hours. Where can I tutor?**

In the LA office, there is a long list of tutoring opportunities. Stop by for information! Summer school tutoring info is attached.

You can tutor at any school in the Blue Springs School District with a Blue Springs School District teacher supervising. Your tutoring has to be approved by Mrs. Armstrong BEFORE you start. Stop by the LA office to have her sign off on your tutoring log BEFORE you begin.

**4) I don't think I'm going to go to a community college or vocational school. Should I still continue in the A+ Program?**

YES! The A+ Program looks great on your resume or college application. Many four year schools offer scholarships (see the attached list). If you go to a four-year school and then decide you don't like it, you can still transfer to a community college or vocational school and use your A+ funds.

**5) What do I have to do to continue to receive my A+ funds once I'm in college?**

You must be enrolled full-time in a program of study and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. You also have to fill out the FAFSA each year. Finally, you have to use your A+ funds within four years of graduating from high school.

**6) I still have more questions. What should I do?**

Stop by and see Mrs. Armstrong. Her contact information is below.

There is also a great FAQ page on the state's A+ webpage:

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/aplus/proginfo/q&a/hsq&a.pdf>

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