

**Q: Who is in Charge of A+ at FHHS?**

A: School Counselor, Chelsea Reilmann, is the A+ Coordinator and Kathy Davis (located in the Main Office) is the A+ Secretary. Kathy Davis's phone number is 851-4759.

**Q: Where do I turn in my A+ forms?**

A: You should turn them in to Kathy Davis in the Main Office.

**Q: What is the A+ Schools Program?**

A: In May 1993, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 380, the Outstanding Schools Act, which included the A+ Schools Program as one of its educational initiatives. The primary goal of an A+ School is to ensure that all students, upon graduation from high school, are well prepared to pursue advanced education, employment, or both. This program offers students the opportunity to receive state reimbursed college tuition to any of Missouri's public community colleges or career/technical schools. The student financial incentive is contingent upon the student's successful completion of all eligibility requirements, FHHS being granted A+ School status each year, and the availability of state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly.

**Q: What are the benefits of participation in the A+ Schools Program?**

A: The A+ Schools Program offers students the opportunity to receive state reimbursed college tuition to any of Missouri's public community colleges or career/technical schools. Please see the link below for more information:  
<https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>

**Q: How do I sign up to do my tutoring hours? What are the A+ training sessions? Do I get to pick where and when I do my tutoring hours? How are my hours recorded and turned in?**

A: Students must attend ONLY ONE of the after school training sessions. The training sessions are from 2:30-3:00 PM in the FHHS auditorium. At the training session, the student will be given forms to select their top three choices of where they would like to complete their hours and which days and times they most prefer. Students will then turn in the forms to Ms. Medley in the counseling office. The A+ Coordinator will then assign students to their tutoring placement. Students will be told when to pick up their final placement information at the A+ training.

Students wanting to complete their A+ hours in the Fall should attend the training session in August. Students wanting to complete their A+ hours in the

Spring should attend the training session in November. Students wanting to complete their A+ hours in the summer should attend the A+ training session in March/April. Training dates are posted on the FHHS's A+ webpage.

Seniors must complete all of their A+ hours before the end of semester one their senior year.

**Q: What are the eligibility requirements?**

**A:**

1. Attend a designated A+ High School for any two of the four years prior to high school graduation.
2. Graduate from high school with a GPA of 2.5 or better, computed upon a 4.0 scale. Only the **UNWEIGHTED** GPA is used to calculate eligibility for A+.
3. Maintain a 95% attendance record for the four-year period while enrolled in high school.
4. Perform 50 hours of student tutoring on FHSD property. All tutoring must be supervised by a FHSD employee by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the student's senior year.
5. Maintain a record of good citizenship according to the State A+ Schools Program, FHSD Code of Conduct, and FHHS Student Handbook.
6. Maintain a documented, good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment. Parents must complete and submit the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) form after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before May 1<sup>st</sup> of student's senior year of high school. Parents may do this online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
7. Male students must register with the Selective Service upon their 18th birthday. Male students may register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).
8. Students must score Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I EOC **or** meet the requirements of the chart below:

<b>ACT Math Score</b>	<b>UNWEIGHTED GPA</b>
17 or greater	and 2.5 or greater
16	and 2.8 or greater
15	and 3.0 or greater

**Q: How do I apply?**

A: Students must attend an A+ Training and will then be given the paperwork to apply. Students can participate in the online training, if they cannot make the training in the auditorium after school. This is posted to FHHS's A+ webpage the day after the training.

**Q: Does participating in the A+ Schools Program limit a student's college options?**

A: Absolutely not. Participation in the A+ Schools Program does not limit a student's options in any way. There is no commitment to attend a community college or career/technical school if the student subsequently decides to attend a 4-year university instead (although the financial incentive is only applicable at a public community college or career/technical school). Participating in the A+ program simply affords students the option of attending a Missouri public community college or career/technical school while having their tuition reimbursed by the State.

**Q: I plan to attend a 4-year university. Should I still participate in the A+ Program?**

A: Definitely. While the financial incentive of the state-funded A+ Schools Program is only applicable for Missouri public community colleges and career/technical schools, some of Missouri's 4-year institutions are offering their own financial incentive and/or scholarship to qualifying A+ students (students and parents should contact the 4-year institution for specific information). Therefore, all eligible students are encouraged to participate in the A+ Program at FHHS.

**Q: I volunteer at a community agency and have accumulated a lot of service hours. Does community service count toward the 50 required peer mentoring/tutoring hours?**

A: No. The 50 hours of peer mentoring/tutoring is arranged and supervised through the Francis Howell School District. Each A+ student will be paired with another district student(s) and will provide 50 hours of unpaid tutoring, to be conducted on district property and supervised by a district employee. The student receiving the tutoring may be an elementary, middle, or high school student in the Francis Howell School District.