

8th Grade students and parents:

This letter is to inform you that there is a proposed change to the A+ program that if passed, could affect the graduating class of 2015. The proposed change is bold-faced below and would most immediately impact those 8th graders enrolled in Algebra 1 this school year.

A+ Eligibility

To be eligible for the A+ tuition benefit, students must be certified by the high school. To qualify for certification, students must sign an A+ agreement and successfully complete the following requirements:

- *Attend an A+ designated school for three years (grades 10, 11, 12) prior to graduation
- *Graduate with an unweighted, unrounded cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- *Graduate with a minimum 95% ADA (Average Daily Attendance) record (over 8 semesters)
- *Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring to other students in the district
- *Beginning with the class of 2015 students must score proficient or advanced on the Algebra I End of Course Exam (this requirement may be waived after completing one semester of post-secondary education with a 2.5 GPA or better).**
- *Model good citizenship at school and in the community
- *Avoid the use of illegal drugs and alcohol
- *Register with the selective service, if required by law
- *Apply for non-payback scholarships by completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

If you have any questions about the A+ program or this proposed change, please feel free to contact any of the A+ Coordinators listed below:

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