



# Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

*Equipping Students for Lives of Christian Service*

To: LHS Students & Parents

re: Missouri A+ Schools Program

Lutheran High has been informed by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that we have been approved as a Missouri A+ School. This approval applies to students starting with the Class of 2017.

The state has established three requirements for students to meet in order to qualify as an A+ student:

1. Graduate from an A+ certified high school with at least a 2.5 GPA
2. Attend school at least 95% of the time
3. Complete at least 50 hours of tutoring/mentoring

Students must complete and submit an A+ Agreement form by October 1 of their senior year. Each student is required to complete 50 hours of tutoring/mentoring (12.5 hours can be completed by doing a job shadow experience). DESE does not provide much assistance in defining exactly what qualifies for these hours. After consulting with local schools, the LHS Administration has identified the following qualifying activities for this requirement:

- Tutoring other students at Lutheran High School
- Tutoring students at any of our Elementary feeder schools (We have contacted the local principals and they are excited about this option)
- Robotics Outreach Program
- Sunday School leader
- VBS Leader

The qualifier for each of these activities is that the LHS student should be **working directly with another student, providing instruction or assistance to that student.** Clerical or other non-contact duties do not count towards the hours required.

The A+ program is designed to assist students with tuition and fees at Missouri community and public technical colleges. A number of Missouri 4 year colleges have implemented their own recognition awards for A+ students. A list of these schools and the awards they offer can be found in ebackpack. (A+ Scholarships 2016.pdf)

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

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