

**ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL  
A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

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The Missouri Outstanding Schools Act of 1993 established the "A+ Schools Program" within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be administered by the Commissioner of Education. A+ certified high school graduates are eligible to receive two years free tuition and general fees (up to \$149/credit hour) as a full-time student to any of Missouri's public community colleges or public vocational or technical schools. Students must make a good faith effort to *secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds (FAFSA) that do not require payment in order to qualify for A+ Schools financial incentives.*

**A+ Requirements**

- Enroll in and attend an A+ designated high school for at least THREE (3) years prior to high school graduation and enter into a written agreement by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the senior year.
- Graduate from an A+ designated high school with at least an un-weighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 based on a 4.0 scale.
- Graduate from high school with at least 95% attendance average for all four years.
- Perform and document a minimum of fifty (50) hours of unpaid, academic-based tutoring within the School District and supervised by a School District employee, as approved by the A+ Coordinator.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship that includes the avoidance of drugs and alcohol and acts of violence (as outlined in the Student Handbook and School District policy).
- **Class of 2015 and beyond:** Must score proficient or advanced on the state level Algebra I End of Course Exam.
- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the second semester of the senior year.
- Register for the selective service (male U.S. citizen over the age of 18).

Students are eligible for the financial incentive for up to 48 months after high school graduation. To remain eligible for benefits, the student must attend on a full-time basis and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The Missouri legislature may revise the benefits of this program and the financial incentive is dependent upon State appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly.

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of other High School(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand the terms listed above and agree to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Missouri and the Odessa R-VII School District/Odessa High School to be an A+ eligible student and to have the option of using the tuition incentives provided that the State funds are appropriated by legislature.

***Student and parents/legal guardians must sign the A+ Schools Program Agreement to enroll in the A+ Schools Program.***

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parents/Legal guardians signature

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Date

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A+ Coordinator Signature

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Date

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