



A+ Program

Continuance of Compliance

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Overview

- A+ Schools Program Coordinators provide the SAB with a resolution annually for approval of the program as required by the A+ Schools Program for Compliance.
- Currently, 54.23% of SLPS high school students or 3,882 of 7,159 are A+ Agreed Students and 79.36% or 1,061 of 1,337 Seniors are A+ Agreed students.

Background

- Approval of the SLPS A+ Schools Program Partnership Plan and acceptance of the A+ Schools Annual Report was granted September 27, 2011.
- The A+ plan is developed in cooperation with the A+ advisory board which is composed of local business persons, labor leaders, parents, representatives of colleges and postsecondary career and technical schools.
- The plan is updated and approved annually.

Current Situation

- 109 SLPS graduates were A+ eligible in May 2011. (100% went to college).
- These 109 A+ graduates qualified to receive free tuition and fees at Missouri public two-year colleges or postsecondary career-technical schools.
- In addition, many four year Missouri colleges and universities grant scholarships based on students A+ Eligibility.
- All SLPS high schools have been designated A+ approved by DESE.

Proposal (Recommended Solution)

- SAB approval of the Board Resolution to approve the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) A+ Schools Program Partnership Plan, and acceptance of the SLPS A+ Schools Annual Report for the School Year 2011-2012.
- The number of seniors becoming A+ eligible is expected to increase by 10% per year. (120 students)

Proposal (Recommended Solution)

- One primary goal of SPLS's A+ program is to promote college enrollment.
- Additional critical goals of A+ are to improve the district graduation rate, attendance rates, student grade point averages, improve student behavior, and to reduce the dropout rate.

Cost of Recommendation

- The A+ program is supported by the High School Graduation Initiative grant and there is **“No cost to the District”**.

Summary

- All SLPS high schools will continue to maintain the A+ High School Designation by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- The Board Resolution and SAB Consent Agenda with Action items approving the 2011-2012 SLPS A+ Schools Program Partnership Plan and accepting the 2011-2012 A+ Schools Annual Report shows required district support. Approval by the SAB is sent to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for all of our high schools to be A+ approved.