I wish to participate in the A+ School Program*

If state funds are available and Rockwood high schools maintain their status as a designated A+ School prior to my graduation, I may receive reimbursement for college expenses determined by the Missouri General Assembly while attending a Missouri public community college or public career/technical school on a full-time basis. This reimbursement may be for the unpaid balance of tuition and general fees after federal post-secondary financial assistance funds (that do not require repayment) have been applied. All reimbursement is subject to legislative appropriation. It may be available for up to the completion of 105% of credit hours during the forty-eight month period after my graduation from high school. This financial assistance is on the condition that I meet or exceed the following requirements:

1. Attend an A+ designated school for any two (2) years prior to high school graduation. (Exemptions available for active or retired military dependents; see your A+ Coordinator).
2. Graduate from high school with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted, un-rounded, cumulative GPA. A GPA of 2.49 will not be rounded).
3. Achieved math proficiency and school’s academic progress policy.
4. Have at least 95 percent cumulative attendance record for the four-year period. (an attendance rate of 94.9% will not be rounded)
5. Graduate with fifty (50) documented hours of unpaid mentoring/tutoring of students in approved settings.
6. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.
7. Make a good faith effort to apply for non-payback financial assistance funds by completing the Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA) during the last semester of senior year. www.fafsa.ed.gov
8. Register for the Selective Service, if applicable. www.sss.gov
9. Seniors must enroll by the last Wednesday in September.

To maintain eligibility after high school graduation, I understand that I must meet the following requirement:

1. Enroll and attend on a full-time basis at a participating Missouri public community college or public vocational/technical school.
2. Be seeking a degree at the institution in which you are enrolled.
3. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. Make a good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance each year (FAFSA).

The student and parent/guardian must sign this A+ Schools Program Agreement before the student will be considered for participation in the A+ Schools Program. By signing this agreement, the student and parent/guardian certify that they have read, understand and agree to conditions outlined in the Rockwood A+ Handbook.

____________________________________  __________  ______________________  ______
Student Signature                  Date                  Parent Signature                  Date

____________________________________  __________  ______________________  ______
A+ Coordinator Signature          Date

*The financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program are dependent upon Rockwood high schools continued designation as an A+ School and state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly. They are not the funding responsibility of the Rockwood School District.
Last Name: ______________________ First Name: ____________________ Middle initial: ____
Address __________________________ City __________________ Zip code _________
Email address ___________________________________________________________ Home Phone ________________
Rockwood student number __________________________
Anticipated Graduation Year ________________ Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

“It is the policy of the Rockwood School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or disabilities in its education programs, activities or employment practices.”

Dr. Katherine Reboulet, Compliance Coordinator

A+ Applicant Checklist
(FOR A+ OFFICE USE ONLY)

_____ Application complete
_____ Enrollment dates checked /records requested
_____ Discipline record checked
_____ Attendance checked
_____ GPA checked

_____ IEP/504 status checked
_____ Math Proficiency checked
_____ Confirmation letter sent
_____ Folder created
Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program must be good citizens and judged so by the proper school authorities.

**Disqualification:**

The Parent will be notified by the A+ School’s office if disqualification results from any of the following:

- The student must have no involvement with drug or alcohol use and/or abuse during any activity associated with a Rockwood School. A violation will result in automatic removal of the student from the Rockwood A+ Program.
- The student must adhere to a code of behavior that will demonstrate respect for authority, faculty, school property, and fellow students. The school's printed discipline policy will serve as the definition of appropriate behavior. Specific information can be found in the school handbook and district policy manual.
- Students who receive consequences for a violation of the Safe Schools Act will be removed from the A+ Program (including but not limited to: assault, weapons, and drug distribution).
- Students who are convicted of a felony will not qualify.
- Students will lose A+ eligibility if they accumulate more than five days of in or out of school suspension during their high school career for offenses other than alcohol/drugs or violations of the Safe Schools Act.

**Citizenship Appeal Process:**

Citizenship appeals may be directed to the A+ Schools Appeals Committee when a student believes that he/she has been declared ineligible unfairly. To appeal, the student or parent/guardian must notify the A+ Schools Coordinator in writing of his/her intent to appeal within 10 days of receiving an ineligibility letter.

An A+ Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal within 10 days of receiving a written request and return its decision to the student in writing. The A+ Schools Appeals Committee will consist of the following individuals: an assistant principal, the student’s counselor, a member of the advisory committee, and the A+ Coordinator (who will be a non-voting member in the appeals process).

The student may appeal the A+ Appeals Committee’s decision to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

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Rockwood School District
Tutoring/Mentoring Agreement

MHS ______  LHS ______  EHS ______  RSHS ______

Student Name ___________________________________________ Grade ______

A+ students must perform fifty (50) hours of unpaid mentoring/tutoring. All tutoring/mentoring must be:
- Pre-approved by the A+ Coordinator.
- Performed under the direct supervision of a Rockwood School District (RSD) employee.
- Performed at a Rockwood School District site.
- Accomplished during the school year or during summer school.
- Placement priority will be given to upper classmen.
- Freshmen will not receive tutoring placement until they have completed one (1) semester meeting the criteria for academics, citizenship, and attendance.

As a student earning tutoring hours through the Rockwood A+ Schools Program, I accept the responsibility to:

Obtain approval for tutoring/mentoring assignments through the A+ School program office.
- Attend the required training session.
- Provide 50 hours of unpaid tutoring in approved settings.
- Arrive promptly and attend regularly. (In the event of an emergency that prevents my attendance, I will notify both the A+ Coordinator and the supervising staff member.)
- Be sensitive to the needs of all students and respect the principle of confidentiality.
- Wear clothing appropriate to the activity.
- Follow Rockwood School District disciplinary guidelines.
- Have on file an A+ transportation permission form before participating in off-site tutoring/mentoring.
- Maintain a log sheet with required signatures.
- Turn in log sheet to the A+ Coordinator at the end of each month that tutoring occurs.

I agree to accept the opportunities and obligations associated with the tutoring component of the Rockwood A+ Schools Program. I understand I may be dismissed from the program for failure to comply with the guidelines of the program. (In doing so, I will no longer be eligible for incentives through the A+ Schools Program.)

Student’s Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______

My son/daughter has discussed with me the tutoring component of the Rockwood A+ Schools Program and I give my permission and support for him/her to participate in the required tutoring activities. I understand that my son/daughter (not the school district) is responsible for his/her transportation to and from these activities.

Parent Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______
ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
A+ TRANSPORTATION CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian and Student,

At times it becomes necessary to use private vehicles to transport students to and from school-sponsored activities. When this occurs, the school district requires that the student and their parent or guardian sign the Private Transportation Release Consent Form that appears below:

Name of Activity: ________________ A+ Tutoring

Location of Activity: ________________________________________________________________

Date(s) of Activity: __________________________________________________________________

Name of A+ Coordinator: _____________________________________________________________

My child, ____________________, has my permission to travel from school property (or other location) to this activity by private transportation, either as the driver or as a passenger in a private automobile driven by another student, parent, or other person. I understand and acknowledge that the Rockwood R-VI School District will have no financial or legal responsibility for injuries arising out of such travel. I also understand that the District has no responsibility for determining whether the private transportation provider is insured.

By signing this form, I hereby release the District, as well as its directors, officers, administrators, employees, and other agents from all liability for any and all injuries arising from my child’s travel to this activity via private transportation. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, as well as its directors, officers, administrators, employees, and other agents, against any claims asserted by my child as a result of his or her travel to this activity via private transportation.

_________________________________________  __________________________________________
Parent or Guardian                                    Parent or Guardian

_________________________________________  __________________________________________
Date                                                Date

TO BE SIGNED BY STUDENT

I acknowledge that the District will have no financial or legal responsibility for injuries arising out of my travel from school (or other location) to this activity. I further acknowledge that I have a responsibility to travel directly from school (or other location) to this activity and that failure to report to this activity on time may result in discipline, up to and including possible dismissal from this activity. I further acknowledge that inappropriate conduct during travel to and from this activity may result in such discipline, as well as additional discipline under Board of Education Policy, as such Policy applies to misconduct in connection with school activities, whether on or away from District property.

_________________________________________  __________________________________________
Student Signature                                         Date