A+ FAQs for LHS Students & Incoming Freshmen

Freshmen students and families have a lot of information to take in during their 1st year of high school. It is important that students & families understand the A+ program and the benefits without the stress of too much information at once. Freshman year is the perfect time to get enrolled in the program, however, students have their entire high school career to complete all of the requirements.

Below is a QR Code to take you directly to our website, and insight into frequently asked questions by students & families regarding the A+ Program:

Does my student need to complete the A+ application every year?

No, the A+ application needs to only be completed once and is typically done at the beginning of a student's freshmen year. However, a student may complete the application any time before the second semester of their senior year. Once the application has been submitted, the student is marked active in PowerSchool and a file for the student is made. This file will be where all A+ documents are kept throughout their high school career.

What requirements can be met during my student's freshman year?

The A+ application & Training MUST be completed before any tutoring hours are obtained. Students can complete these requirements during their freshman year. Once the application and training are complete, students may begin tutoring. Students do not *have* to tutor during freshman year.

How many tutoring hours does my student need to meet the tutoring requirement?

Students must obtain a minimum of 50 total tutoring hours by the time they graduate. Students can complete these hours all in one year, *or* over the course of their 4 years.

What are some of the best ways for students to obtain their 50 tutoring hours?

An excellent opportunity for students to obtain their tutoring hours is during LPS Summer School. Students can typically obtain most, if not all, of their hours in one month or less. Other options for students are before/after school tutoring at Kids Zone, tutoring peers during Liberty Hour, or one of the many opportunities listed on the LHS web page. Please keep in mind that all tutoring hours must be observed and signed by an LPS employee on an LHS A+ timesheet.

Can my current 8th grader (*incoming* freshman) tutor the summer between 8th & 9th grade years?

Unfortunately, no. Students have to be entered into an active written agreement for the A+ program (Application) *AND* have a Training on file, ***before*** they can begin tutoring. Students do not become active until the 1st day of their freshman year. Students are eligible to tutor during LPS Summer School, the summer AFTER their freshman year.

Can you explain a little more about the Algebra 1 EOC requirement?

Beginning with the class of 2015, the state of Missouri set the requirement that a student must score Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra 1 EOC. The exam is taken at the end of the year the student takes Algebra 1. If a student does not score a Proficient or Advanced, he/she has other ways to meet the requirement:

- Obtain a combination of a qualifying score on the math section of the ACT *and* accompanying qualifying high school GPA

OR

- Students may have the opportunity to retake the Algebra 1 EOC at the end of the 1st semester of their senior year.

I want to make sure my student meets the 95% attendance requirement. How many days can he/she miss each year to maintain an average of 95% attendance?

Students must graduate with a cumulative 95% attendance percentage to meet the A+ attendance requirement. This means a student may not miss more than 7 to 8 school days per year. If a student misses days due to hospitalization, prolonged illness, family emergencies, etc., bring in a doctor's note or other documentation upon the student's return to school. Not only should the documentation be on file in the Attendance office, but a copy needs to be made for A+. This documentation will be kept in the student's A+ file in the event he/she needs to appeal for A+ attendance senior year. ***Any*** senior student that falls below the 95% threshold **MUST** fill out an appeal by April 15th, whether or not they submitted medical documentation at the time of the absence, or not.

How will I know if my student needs to appeal for attendance? If my student DOES need to appeal, when will this occur?

Students & families are encouraged to keep up with their A+ status via PowerSchool. If you need parental access to PowerSchool, you can contact the LHS Counseling Office. If your student needs to complete an attendance appeal for A+, you & your student will be notified around February or March of your student's senior year. Appeal packets are due no later than April 15th of your student's senior year.

If you have any further questions, please become familiar with the A+ website at https://www.lps53.org/lhsaplus or feel free to contact Mrs. Wolfley by phone at (816) 736-5341or via email at jane.wolfley@lps53.org.