



Liberty High School A+ Training Session

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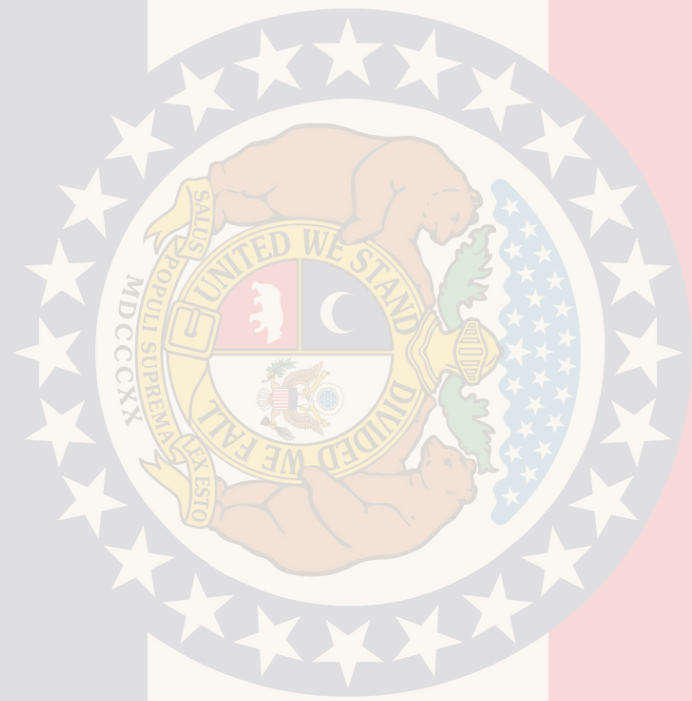
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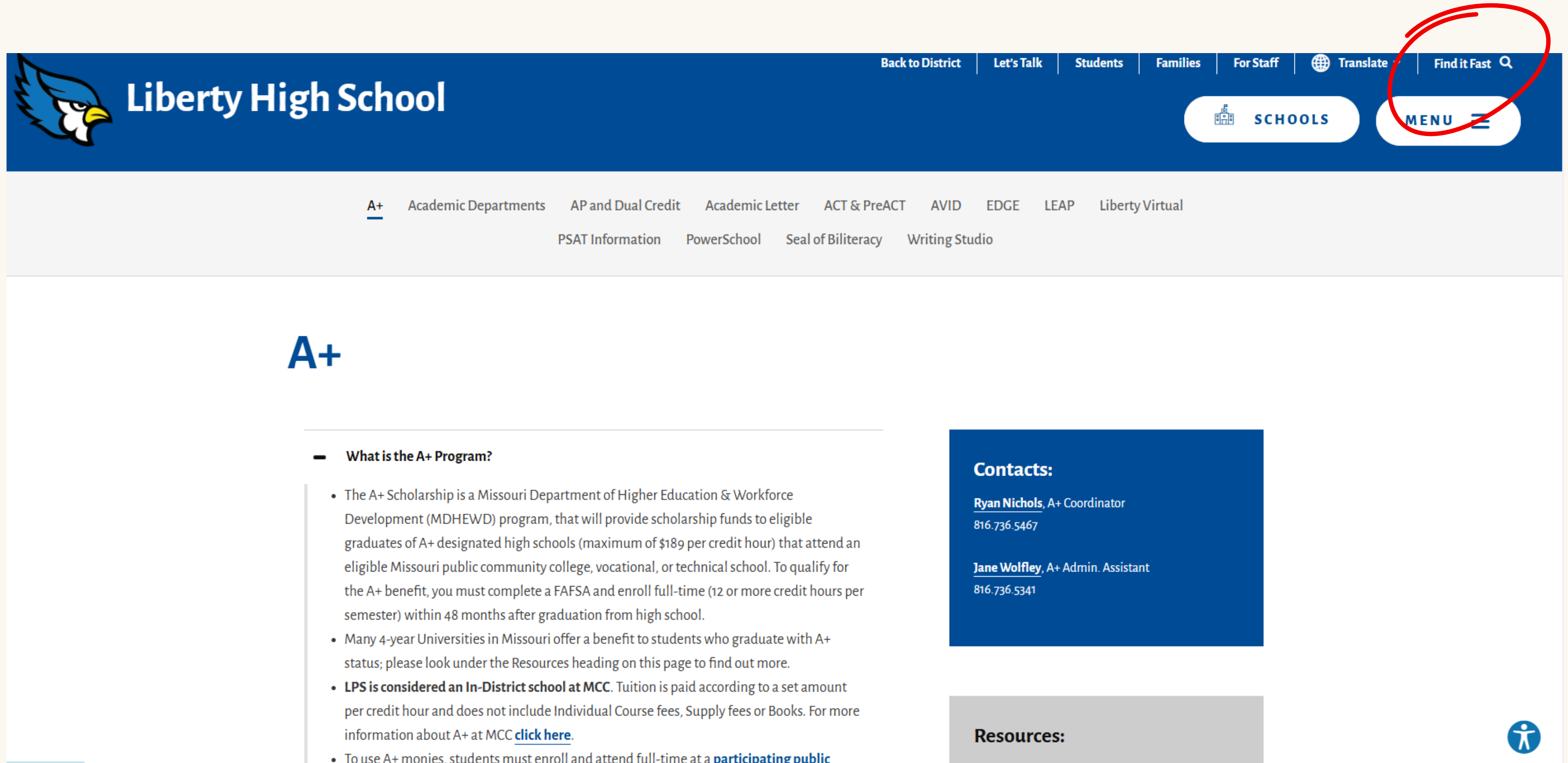
LHS is an A+ designated high school.

A+ scholarship funds can only be used in the state of Missouri.

The A+ Scholarship Program is facilitated by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.
Check out their website for the most up-to-date information regarding the A+ Scholarship Program.

Our Liberty High School A+ Website is a great resource!

It is located under the “Find it Fast” Tab on the LHS Website.



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What is the A+ Program?


- The A+ Scholarship is a Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development (MDHEWD) program, that will provide scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools (maximum of \$189 per credit hour) that attend an eligible Missouri public community college, vocational, or technical school. To qualify for the A+ benefit, you must complete a FAFSA and enroll full-time (12 or more credit hours per semester) within 48 months after graduation from high school.
- Many 4-year Universities in Missouri offer a benefit to students who graduate with A+ status; please look under the Resources heading on this page to find out more.
- **LPS is considered an In-District school at MCC.** Tuition is paid according to a set amount per credit hour and does not include Individual Course fees, Supply fees or Books. For more information about A+ at MCC [click here](#).
- To use A+ monies, students must enroll and attend full-time at a **participating public**

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Resources:



How Can A+ Impact You?

- A+ can fully fund two years of education at a Missouri career or technical school where you can earn certificates or qualifications to jump right into the workforce.
- A+ can allow you to start one or two years of education at a Missouri community college for free and then transfer to a four-year school.
- A+ can provide a backup plan if you begin at a four-year school and later decide it is not for you.
- A+ can also provide a backup plan if you begin at an out-of-state school and decide you want to return to Missouri for your education.

How do you become A+ Eligible?

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Enter into a written agreement with your high school prior to graduation.
- Attend a designated A+ high school for 2 years prior to graduation.
- Graduate from an A+ designated high school with an overall unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12. (See Slide 7 for details)
- Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to 25% may include job shadowing prior to graduation. (See Slide 8 for details)
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol while in grades 9-12.
- Have achieved a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam or a higher level DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics. (See Slide 9 for details)

Attendance & Citizenship

The A+ program requires a 95% or better attendance rate. It also requires that students maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol while at Liberty High School.

Should you have special circumstances that have affected your attendance and/or citizenship, please be sure to file an A+ Attendance/Citizenship Appeal. Around the time of your senior year's Spring Break, you will receive an email if you need to file an appeal. The email will include the necessary appeals paperwork and a deadline for the paperwork to be turned in to the main office. Appeals require accompanying documentation and will be approved or denied by committee.

*Attendance requirements for the A+ program are set by the Missouri Department of Higher Education. Attendance appeals to be considered include absences due to catastrophic illness or catastrophic family events. Please note that absences due to common illness (ie. colds, ear infections, strep throat) and orthodontic/dental appointments cannot be considered. Extenuating circumstances (diagnosed pneumonia, diagnosed influenza or COVID, oral surgery, etc.), may be appealed with accompanying medical documentation indicating the extenuating circumstance and specific dates/times the student was affected. Homebound students are still eligible for A+ with accompanying documentation.

How do you obtain your 50 hours of tutoring?

You may be a Classroom or Freshman Flex tutor if you are in 10th - 12th grade during your own Flex hour. You are responsible for making an agreement with a classroom teacher or the adult in the Freshman Flex area if you are choosing this option.

You may sign up for the A+ class which is only an option during your senior year. It is a semester-long, non-credit bearing opportunity for you to earn your 50 hours in the semester. You would report to your chosen A+ tutoring class or Flex area during your assigned A+ hour.

12.5 A+ hours can be earned by a Job Shadowing opportunity. Please let Mrs. Wolfley or Dr. Nichols know if you are interested in this option. Students in Network 53 can also earn these hours at their internships, and students in the EIP program may be eligible for all 50 hours if they have their time sheets signed by their cooperating teacher.

LPS Kid's Zone is located at every LPS elementary school, and hours can be earned at each location. Please email kzoffice@lps53.org if you are interested in volunteering your time.

LPS Summer Adventure takes place each year in the month of June. Summer Adventure sites are published each spring, and students are responsible for contacting a participating site and setting up tutoring hours.

Camp Invention takes place over one week each summer, and participating A+ tutors can earn up to 40 hours. Interested students may contact the site directors.

What if you did not achieve a Proficient or Advanced score on your Algebra I EOC?

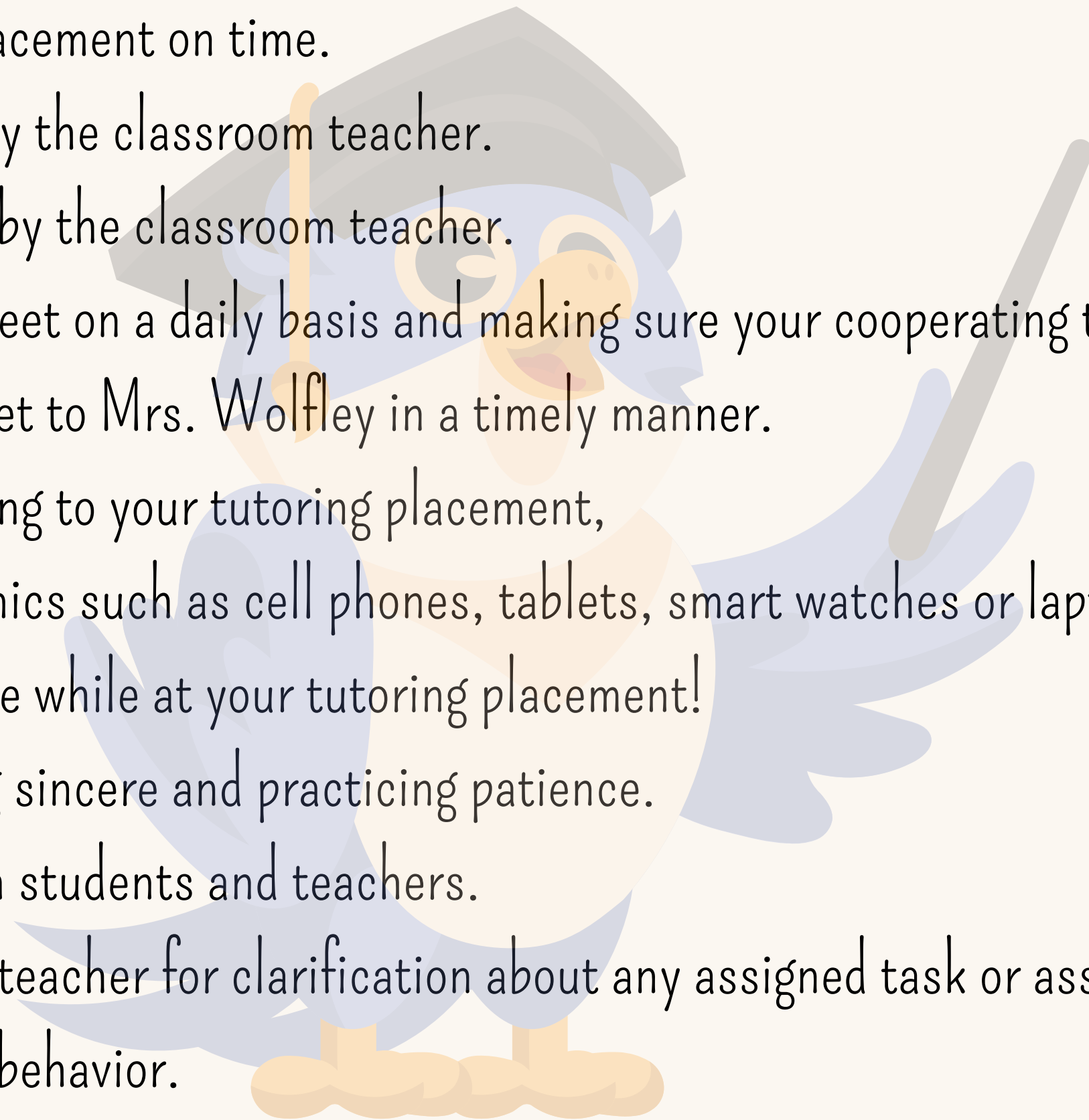
If you did not score Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I EOC, you may elect to re-take it at the end of the first semester of your senior year. OR you can bypass the EOC requirement by receiving a qualifying score on the Math portion of the PreACT or ACT.

ACT Math	Corresponding Cumulative
Score	GPA
15	3.0 or higher
16	2.8 or higher
17	2.5 or higher

Please check with Mrs. Wolfley or Dr. Nichols if you are unsure of your Math Status. You will receive an email in November of your senior year if you have not achieved the completion of your Math Requirement. Then you can decide if you wish to re-take the Algebra I EOC or if you would like to sign up for additional ACT testing in the spring.

What makes an ideal student tutor?

- Arriving to your tutoring placement on time.
- Following directions given by the classroom teacher.
- Completing tasks set forth by the classroom teacher.
- Completing your A+ timesheet on a daily basis and making sure your cooperating teacher signs it.
- Turning in your A+ timesheet to Mrs. Wolfley in a timely manner.
- Wearing appropriate clothing to your tutoring placement,
- Avoiding the use of electronics such as cell phones, tablets, smart watches or laptops while tutoring. It is your responsibility to be available while at your tutoring placement!
- Being a good listener, being sincere and practicing patience.
- Clearly communicating with students and teachers.
- Not being afraid to ask the teacher for clarification about any assigned task or assignment. Your behavior should set an example for student behavior.



What are some tasks asked of A+ tutors?

- Working with flash cards
- Assisting with class projects
- Helping students study or review for a test
- Reading to students or being read to
- Assisting with assignments and homework
- Helping students select appropriate reading materials
- Helping students review spelling words or math drills
- Re-explaining or teaching a concept in a different way
- Assisting students with technology or software applications relating to their assignments
- Modeling and/or mentoring students with examples of problem solving, conflict management, time management and/or teamwork skills.

LHS Communications & Social Media Policy

LPS has a Communications and Social Media Policy posted on the district website.

We do NOT post names or personal information about students that we tutor

We do NOT share information/stories about the students we tutor with others.

Remember that you are a representative of Liberty High School and your online presence leaves a digital footprint.

Your Instagram/SnapChat/Twitter accounts should not be shared with younger students you may tutor.

Your online behavior should reflect the same standards of honesty, respect and consideration that you use face-to-face.

This sounds great! Now what do I do?

- Pick up an A+ Application from Mrs. Wolfley's Desk. Return the completed application to Mrs. Wolfley, as well.
- To prove you have completed this A+ training session, please complete this Google Form. The completion of your form is the official record of your training.
- Complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring (this is total and can be accumulated over the 4 years of high school) in a Liberty Schools approved program.
- Maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA (cumulative).
- Maintain a 95% attendance rate (cumulative).
- Score Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I EOC or equivalent.
- Maintain a record of good student citizenship.

