



A+ College Ready

A partnership between A+ Education Partnership and the Alabama State Department of Education

A+ College Ready, a program of A+ Education Partnership, holds the unshakeable belief **ALL** students can achieve at high levels. As such, it opens the door for middle and high school students in Alabama to reach their academic potential through access to Advanced Placement (AP) and other challenging coursework. This proven program partners with middle and high schools to develop a diverse pipeline of students prepared for success in college, career, and life. A+ College Ready's high-quality, content-specific teacher training and rigorous curricula are fully aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study and the College Board's AP requirements. We support 48 total courses in math, science, English, social studies, computer science, art, and Spanish, comprised of 29 non-AP courses and 19 AP courses. We accomplish our goals by:



Centering students

to ensure their needs guide our actions

Expecting excellence

of ourselves, our students, and our schools

Prioritizing equity

so every student can succeed

Creating High Expectations for All

Participating schools create cultures of high academic expectations for all students, teachers, and administrators by:

- Increasing the number of students engaged in rigorous curricula that promote access to higher-level academic classes and prepare them for success in college, career, and life
- Improving student academic achievement through training, supporting, and equipping teachers with research-based teaching strategies, deeper content knowledge, and classroom resources.
- Supporting student success by empowering administrators to serve as strong instructional leaders at their schools.



A+ College Ready Offerings and Results

Grant Offerings

Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program (APTIP): Our traditional three-year grant program for high schools. Schools receive high-quality training, teacher and student incentives, supplies, curricular materials, student study sessions, AP exam subsidies, and other ongoing support.

Middle School Training and Incentive Program (MSTIP): An adaptation of our traditional APTIP program specifically designed for middle schools. Schools receive high-quality training, rigorous curricula fully-aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study, teacher and student incentives, supplies, and other ongoing support.

Individual AP Teacher Training and Incentive Program (ITIP): A program for individual AP teachers who are new to teaching an AP course or wish to expand access to and success in their AP courses. Teachers receive high-quality training, teacher and student incentives, supplies, curricular materials, student study sessions, AP exam subsidies, and other ongoing support.



Program Results

200+

schools served since 2009

170%

increase in low-income students taking one or more AP exams since 2010

\$270,417,000

in potential college tuition savings since 2009

174%

increase in qualifying scores on AP exams since 2009

96%

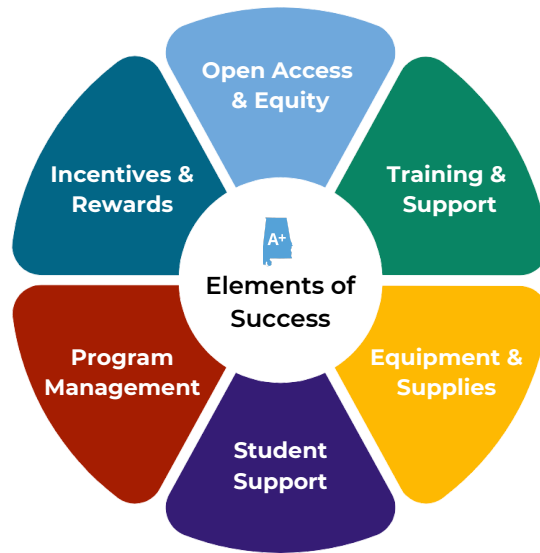
increase in students meeting the college readiness benchmark in math in our MSTIP Schools

357%

increase in students of color earning qualifying scores since 2009

*A+ College Ready is proud to have helped Alabama schools in **achieving the highest national AP score growth** from 2009-2017 and works with schools to sustain growth in access and success in AP courses.*

A+ College Ready Elements of Success



A+ College Ready utilizes six elements to prepare schools, teachers, and students for success in all three grant offerings.

Open Access & Equity

We are committed to centering students and their needs and prioritizing equity so every student can succeed. We provide:

- Rigorous curriculum for all students
- Increased access to Advanced Placement courses for all students

Training & Support

A+ College Ready provides intensive support and training year-round. Our rigorous curricula and training are aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study and the College Board's AP requirements. Our training supports:

- Teachers
- Administrators
- A+ Coordinators

Equipment & Supplies

Every classroom receives the necessary equipment, materials, and supplies to implement the curricula effectively.

Student Support

Students also receive direct program support with:

- Student Study Sessions for all AP courses
- AP Mock Exams for every AP student

Program Management

Effective implementation of the program provides a structure for schools and teachers to evaluate and sustain their growth. A+ also works to help schools achieve sustainability by:

- Competitive School Selection
- School Memorandum of Agreement
- A+ Coordinator Letter of Agreement
- Teacher Letters of Agreement
- Goal Setting, Data Management, & Analysis

Incentives & Rewards

Students, teachers, and administrators are rewarded and recognized for their hard work through:

- Stipends for teachers and A+ Coordinators
- Student \$100 gift card for each AP qualifying score
- Stipend for Administrators earning ACLD PLU
- \$50 gift card for meeting each MSTIP growth or achievement goal
- School recognition for high schools meeting school AP qualifying score goals
- School recognition for middle schools meeting score goals