What is the Show-Me Scholars Initiative?
The Show-Me Scholars program is a course of study that encourages students to take more demanding classes in high school. The curriculum provides an education that better prepares students to enter a four-year college, community college, technical school, apprenticeship, military or the work force. A joint effort of school districts, local chambers of commerce, and the business community, the Show-Me Scholars Initiative is endorsed by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Department of Higher Education, and many of the education coalitions around the states.

Who are Show-Me Scholars?
Show-Me Scholars are middle and high school students who have completed, or are on track to complete, the Show-Me Scholars Course of Study, a rigorous sequence of academic courses in math, science, language arts and social studies. Show-Me Scholars is based on research which shows that those students who complete a more rigorous course of study in high school are more successful in college and the workforce.

How do students become Show-Me Scholars?
• Review the requirements of the Show-Me Scholars course of study
• Enroll in the Show-Me Scholars program
• Meet the program requirements
• Graduate from high school

Why become a Show-Me Scholar?
RECOGNITION | As Show-Me Scholars, students are recognized by teachers, parents, and community leaders as students who accept challenges and set high goals for success.
CHOICES | After graduating as Show-Me Scholars, students are better prepared to enter the workforce or attend a college, university or trade school. They have more choices available to them.
MONEY | If you challenge yourself in school by taking the Show-Me Scholars path, your chances of making more money than if you took easier classes will be more from the start and over your entire adult life.
BEFTER JOBS | Employers prefer to hire individuals with strong academic backgrounds, are able to make sound decisions, are able to critical-think through a problem and have 21st century skills (communication, teamwork, self-starter, creative and innovative thinking and technology skills).
COLLEGE | Show-Me Scholars are stronger candidates for certain types of financial aid and scholarships. They are also better prepared for college and are less likely to need costly remedial classes in college. Statistics show that Scholars graduates score higher on both the ACT and the SAT and have a greater chance of being accepted to the college or university of their choice.
INCENTIVES | Businesses offer many added bonuses to Scholars who stay on track during all four years of high school. Show-Me Scholars receive incentives at various stages of completion of the Scholars Program. These incentives include merchant discount cards, school privileges and promotional items. Seniors are honored at graduation with special graduation recognition.
WHAT PART DOES THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY PLAY?
The Show-Me Scholars Initiative is a business-led partnership between businesses and the schools. Business people provide leadership and incentives for students who stay on track and who graduate on time as Show-Me Scholars.

Show-Me Scholars Course of Study

| English | 4.0 |
| Mathematics | 4.0 |
| Science | 3.0 |
| Social Sciences | 3.0 |
| Economics/Finance | 0.5 |
| Languages other than English | 2.0 |

Total Credits 16.5

Additional expectations
✓ Complete 50 hours of community service (Internships, Apprenticeships or Job Shadowing can count for 20 hours)
✓ Earn at least a "C" in all Show-Me Scholars core classes
✓ Finish all the state’s requirements for a high school diploma
✓ Maintain attendance requirements identified by their local districts
✓ Stay out of trouble. (Students who violate the Missouri Safe Schools Act cannot participate in the program.)
✓ Recommended no later than 8th grade a personal plan of study developed around career and educational goals to be reviewed annually and revised as necessary to help ensure a successful—post secondary transition.

* Any AP, IB or Dual Enrollment coursework equivalent may apply to any core coursework.
** Each school district may specify additional credits/requirements.