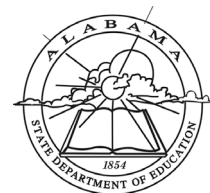




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

June 4, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education
RE: Alabama State Department of Education/A+ College Ready Program
2027-2028 Cohort XX Applications

I am pleased to announce the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)/A+ College Ready Program’s Grant Opportunity for 2027-2028, which is issued by the ALSDE in partnership with A+ College Ready. A+ College Ready, a division of the A+ Education Partnership, is a non-profit organization that partners with the ALSDE and private sector contributors to maximize college readiness and AP success in schools across the state.

The A+ College Ready training and incentive program is designed to support the implementation of Alabama’s courses of study across all four core disciplines—mathematics, science, English, and social studies—as well as the Digital Literacy and Computer Science (DLCS) standards in Grades K–12 and AP Career Kickstart. The program aims to strengthen instruction in AP mathematics, science, English, social studies, computer science, art, and Spanish; increase student enrollment in these courses; and expand the number of students taking and earning qualifying scores on AP exams. New program schools will be selected through this competitive grant opportunity, with participation beginning in the 2027–2028 school year.

The digital application details the components of the ALSDE/A+ College Ready Program, preliminary selection criteria, and expected school/school district commitment. The digital version may be found at this link: [ALSDE/A+ College Ready Program Grant Opportunity](#).

The deadline to submit applications is October 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Dieatra Howie, Vice President, A+ College Ready, by telephone at (334) 372-2451 or by email at dieatra@aplusala.org or Dr. Michal G. Robinson, AP Program Manager, ALSDE, by telephone at (334) 694-4768 or by email at apib@alsde.edu.

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