

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
Program Name: A+ Schools Program
Program is found in the following core budget(s): A+ Schools Program

HB Section(s): 3.065

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Affordability, Access and Success

1b. What does this program do?

This program provides tuition and fee reimbursement to eligible graduates of designated high schools to attend community colleges, public vocational or technical schools, or private two-year vocational or technical schools that meet the criteria outlined in Section 160.545, RSMo. The student financial assistance received through this program increases students' persistence and completion at qualifying postsecondary institutions by covering a significant portion of students' cost of attendance. Students who qualify for federal non-repayable financial aid, such as Pell grants, will have their A+ reimbursement reduced by a corresponding amount.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Projected
Number of Unduplicated A+ Students Paid	12,865	13,039	13,493	13,770	14,180	14,600
Number of designated schools*	615	622	630	630	630	630

*For informational purposes only - The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, has statutory authority to designate A+ high schools.

	First-Time, Full-Time Degree-Seeking A+ Recipients					
	FY 2018 Students ** Total Grants	FY 2019 Students ** Total Grants		FY 2020 Students ** Total Grants		
Public Two-Year Institutions	7,556	\$21,074,260	7,715	\$22,946,158	7,902	\$24,925,798
Area Vocational/Technical Schools	124	\$534,135	122	\$505,337	94	\$344,191
Private Two-Year Institutions	58	\$223,094	56	\$225,494	60	\$248,492
Total	7,738	\$21,831,489	7,893	\$23,676,989	8,056	\$25,518,481

** Student numbers may be duplicated due to transfer

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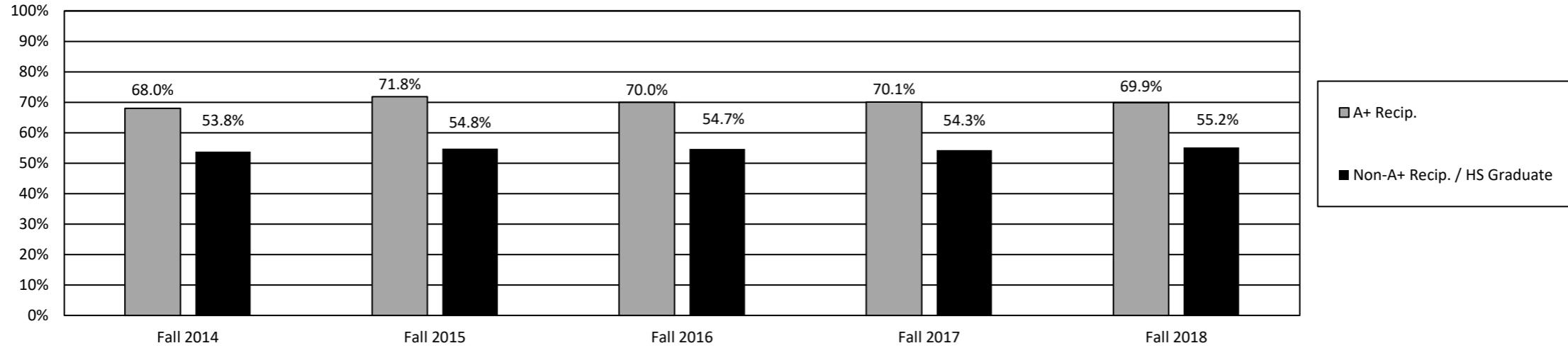
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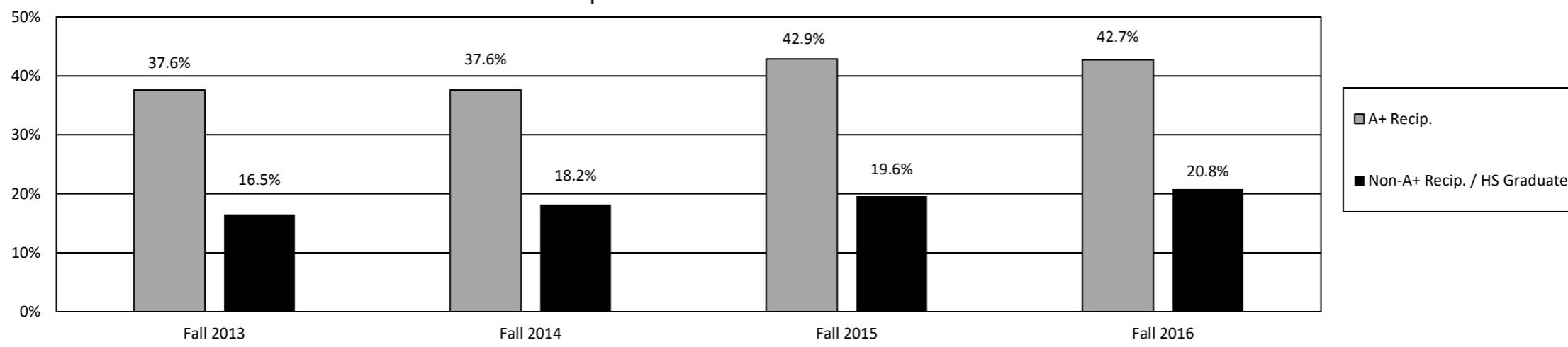
2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Student Persistence at the Same Public Two-Year Institution



2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Three-Year Completion Rates at the Same Public Two-Year Institution



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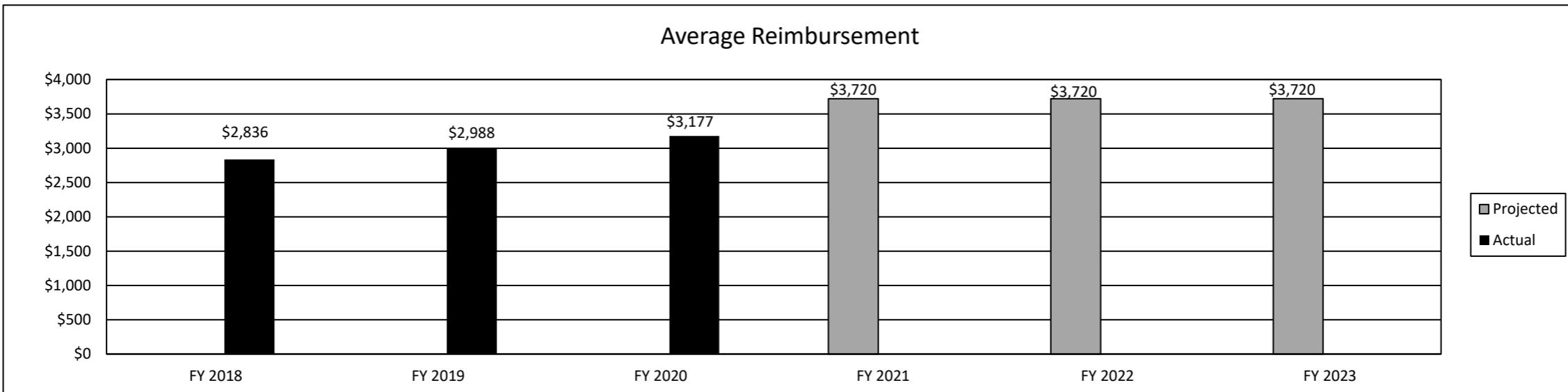
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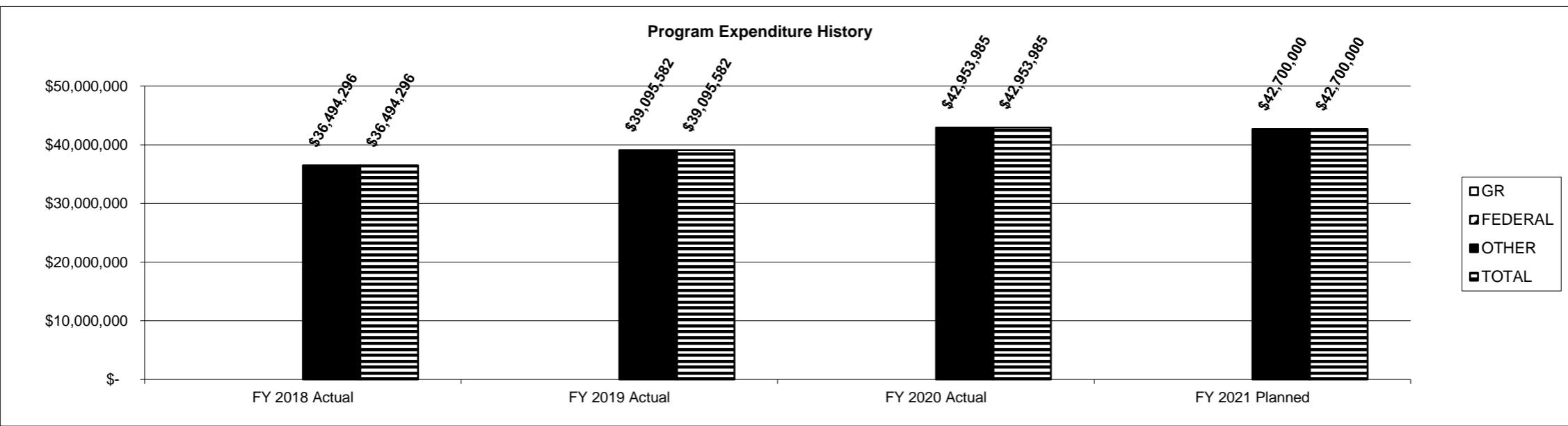
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds? A+ Schools Fund (0955)	
5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.) Section 160.545, RSMo.	
6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain. No	
7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain. No	