

## 2010–11: Our School At a Glance

### School Administration

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Superintendent:	Janet Stout	School Counselor:	Jennifer Hart
Principal:	Gerald Chouinard		
School Administrator:	Kris Cochran		

### Community

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#### Our History

**INSPIRE, the Idaho Connections Academy** is an accredited, public school serving students in grades K–12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2005–06 school year as a K–9 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year since then. **INSPIRE's** first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

#### Our Mission

Connections Academy schools have an important mission: to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

#### Our Idaho Program

**INSPIRE** has an enrollment of 614 students in grades K–12, and includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Here are some important facts about the **INSPIRE** program:

- The school is accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NWAC).
- **INSPIRE** has 16 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 11 have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students typically take 6 credits per school year.
- **INSPIRE** made AYP in 2009–10 for the third consecutive year.

### Programs of Study

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**INSPIRE** offers a diverse and comprehensive curriculum, with courses in a wide range of disciplines. The core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. All science courses include hands-on laboratory units. Students have access to Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, whereby they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

- **AP course offerings** include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History.
- **Honors course offerings** include Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9–12, Geometry, Physical Science, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

**INSPIRE** operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester. Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/curriculum/high-school/high-school-classes.aspx>.

## Graduation Requirements and Grade Reporting

Twenty-four (24) Carnegie units of credits are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

<u>Area/Subject</u>	<u># Units for Graduation</u>
Language Arts and Speech	4.5
Math (including Algebra and Geometry)	3.0
Science (including Physical Science and Biology)	3.0
Social Studies (including U.S. History and Government)	3.0
Health	1.0
Physical Education	1.0
Technology	1.0
Humanities and Arts	1.0
Other Electives	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.0</b>

## Grading Scale

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Numerical Percentage</b>	<b>Non-Weighted</b>	<b>Weighted (honors)</b>	<b>Weighted (AP)</b>
A+	98-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	60-61	0.67	0.67	0.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Class Rank Policy

The cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) is calculated to the thousandth of a point. Students whose class rank rounds off to the same thousandth of a point will be considered tied and will receive the same class rank. The ranking will compare students within the same grade level at the same school. The class rank is *not* included on the student's official high school transcript, but is available for release upon written request.

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## School Test Information State Test Scores for 2009–10

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INSPIRE met the requirements of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):

- Reading: 92.8% Proficient or better
- Math: 88.9% Proficient or better
- Language Usage: 84.7% Proficient or better

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## Post Graduation Plans for the Class of 2010

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Of the students in the class of 2010, four planned to attend a two-year college, six planned to attend a four-year college, two planned to attend vocational training, and two planned to join the work force.

### College Matriculation

Graduates from Idaho Connections Academy are now attending Boise State University, Brigham Young University, Montana State University, Virginia College at Huntsville, and Whitworth University.

### High School Virtual Visitation

College and University representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web-conferencing technology. A two-week advanced notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web-conference session, please contact **Jennifer Hart** at 208-322-4002 Ext. 315 or [jhart@connectionsacademy.com](mailto:jhart@connectionsacademy.com)