

## 2011–12: Our School At a Glance

### School Administration

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Superintendent:	Ray Lambert	Counseling Staff:	Larry Beeble, Director of Counseling Services
Principal:	Anna Trachsel		Katy Brennan, Coordinator of Counseling
Assistant Principal:	Christy Lamb		Molly Heidenreich, School Counselor

### Community

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#### Our History

**Ohio Connections Academy (OCA)** 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 2004–05 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06 and added one grade level each subsequent year until the 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 Ohio Program

Ohio Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over 1,000 students. Here are some important facts about the Ohio program:

- The school is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Ohio Connections Academy has 49 certified/licensed professional high school staff. Of those, 30 have earned advanced degrees and 1 is National Board Certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 8 credits during the school year.
- Ohio Connections Academy has 35 students participating in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program throughout the state.

### Programs of Study

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Ohio Connections Academy 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 AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the 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, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History.
- **Honors course offerings** include: Algebra 1 and 2, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9–12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

Ohio Connections Academy 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/ohio-eschool/curriculum/high-school/high-school-classes.aspx>.

## Graduation Requirements and Grade Reporting

Twenty-one (21) Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subject	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math (including Algebra and Geometry)	3
Science (including Physical Science and Biology)	3
Social Studies (including US History and Government)	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Technology	1
Other Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## Grading Scale

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

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (honors)	Weighted (AP)
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	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	0.67	0.67	0.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

### High School Virtual Visitation

College and university representatives are cordially invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact **Larry R. Beeble, Director of Counseling Services**, at [lbeeble@connectionseducation.com](mailto:lbeeble@connectionseducation.com) or 614-840-9401 ext. 311.

## Class Rank Policy

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

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## School Testing Information for 2010–11

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### State Testing

Students must pass all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) in order to receive a high school diploma. The OGTs are aligned to Ohio's academic content standards, which were adopted by the State Board of Education in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. These standards have been designed to ensure that students are provided with the knowledge they need to be successful in higher education as well as in jobs and careers of the future.

### College Testing for 2010–11

ACT school average: 23

SAT school average: 1647

### Advanced Placement Testing for 2010–11

Ohio Connections Academy had 8 students take AP exams in English Language, English Literature, Macroeconomics, Psychology, U.S. Government, and U.S. History subject areas.

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## Post-Graduation Plans for the Class of 2011

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<u>Plans</u>	<u>% of Students</u>
Four-year colleges	46%
Two-year colleges	17%
Vocational Training	11%
Employment	21%
Missionary	1%
Military	1%
Undecided	3%

Students in the **Class of 2011** were accepted to the following schools: Alderson-Broaddus College, University of Akron, Black Hills State University, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, College of Mount St. Joseph, Columbus College of Art and Design, University of Dayton, DeVry University, Franciscan University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Kent State University, Marshall University, Miami University-Ohio, Muskingum University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Otterbein College, Robert Morris University, University of Toledo, Ursinus College, Westminster College, Wilmington College, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University.