

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

California Connections Academy Schools are made up of four virtual charter schools, each authorized to operate in a different geographic region of California. All four schools share the same curriculum, instructional model and staff.

#### Capistrano History

Capistrano Connections Academy is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. 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 per year until all grades K-12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

#### Ripon History

California Connections Academy @ Ripon is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Amador, Calaveras, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2012–13 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2013.

#### Central History

California Connections Academy @ Central (formerly known as Central California Connections Academy) is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings and Tulare counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2006–07 school year as a K–10 school and added one grade level per year until



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Executive Director:** Dr. Richard Savage

**Capistrano Site Administrator:** Heather Tamayo

**Ripon Site Administrator:** Amy Hunt

**Central Site Administrator:** Marcus White

**North Bay Site Administrator:** Leslie Dombek

**Principals:** Kara Mannix (HS), Heather Tamayo (MS), Marcus White (ES)

**Assistant Principals:** Amy Hunt and Leslie Dombek (HS), Marissa Carter (ES)

**Director of Business Services:** Dr. Franci Sassin

**Director of Student Services:** Dr. Emi Koga

**Director of Counseling:** Mia Hardy

**Manager of Academic Support:** Hazel Eng

all grades K-12 were included. Central California Connections Academy's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2010.

#### North Bay History

California Connections Academy @ North Bay is virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2014-15 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June of 2015.

#### Our Mission

The mission of California Connections Academy is to leverage 21st century education resources on behalf of students who need a more personalized approach to learning to maximize these students' potential and meet the highest performance standards.

### OUR PROGRAM

California Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program with an enrollment of over **5080** students in K-12 (as of October 2016 for all 4 schools). Here are some important facts about the program:

- California Connections Academy schools are fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
- California Connections Academy schools share staff between the affiliated Connections Academy Schools which each serve students in different geographic regions. Together, the California Connections Academy organization has **216** credentialed professional teaching and counseling staff. All teaching staff are fully qualified within the areas they support.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students are able to earn up to 7 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6 courses per semester.
- California Connections Academy operates on a semester system, utilizing credits based on hours of instruction, sometimes referred to as Carnegie units.
- One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. One year long class equals one high school credit.
- Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit.
- Over **90** California Connections Academy courses meet the “a-g” requirements for admission to the University of California and are listed at the following site:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/search/all>

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### ACT school averages for 2015–16:

Math .....	23
Reading .....	26
English .....	24
Science .....	24
Composite .....	24

#### SAT school averages for 2015–16:

Math .....	567
Reading/Writing .....	589
Composite .....	1162

#### AP:

- 15.9% of 11th & 12th grade are enrolled in AP courses.

#### Scholarship Awards:

- Total Awards: \$3,720,698
- Average Award per Graduate: \$9,714
- Number of students receiving > 1 Scholarships: 40

### COURSE OFFERINGS

California Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

- **AP course offerings include:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, French Language, Statistics, United States Government, and United States History, and more.
- **Honors course offerings include:** English (9-12), Algebra (1&2), Geometry, Pre-Calculus, American Government, Economics, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, Physical Science, and Precalculus.
- **UC a-g approved science labs:** California Connections Academy offers face to face wet labs for Biology, Chemistry and Physics science labs located within Los Angeles County, Riverside County, Orange County, San Joaquin County, Santa Clara County, San Diego County, Napa County, Tulare County, and Sacramento County. Face to face wet labs provides California Connections Academy students the opportunity to fulfill the UC/ CSU science lab requirements.

[Please view all of our high school courses](#)

### HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are 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 Mia Hardy at [mhardy@calca.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:mhardy@calca.connectionsacademy.org).

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

Plan	%
Two-year college	50.0
Four-year college	19.1
Vocational Training	3.9
Military	2.4
Workforce	14.1
Gap Year	8.1
Other	2.1
Undecided	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### 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 G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

### Transcript Abbreviations

**CO** Course completed

**EN** Scheduled in section

**IP** Active in section

**PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading

**WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course

**WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course

### GRADING SCALE

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

Grade	%	Non-Weighted	Honors	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	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00



### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	2
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Technology	1
Humanities and Arts	1
Other Electives	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2016 were accepted to the following colleges (among many others not listed):

Harvard University	University of California, Los Angeles
John Hopkins University	University of California, Davis
Columbia University	University of California, Irvine
Arizona State University	University of California, Riverside
New York University	University of California, Santa Barbara
California State University, East Bay	University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Fullerton	University of San Diego
California State University, Long Beach	University of Pittsburgh
California State University, Los Angeles	West Texas A&M University
California State University, Monterey Bay	Washington State University
California State University, Stanislaus	University of Tampa
University of Southern California	Wake Forest University
Pepperdine University	Art Institute of California: Hollywood
University of California, Berkeley	...and many more!

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