

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

We create a safe and challenging environment for traditional learning through a revolutionary approach in order to nurture independence, curiosity, and lifelong learning.

OUR PROGRAM

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale has a comprehensive high school program with a projected enrollment of 1600 students in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- The school has over 100 professional staff. All teachers, counselors, and administrators are certified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 8 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6-7 classes per semester.
- The school operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units.
- One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit.
- Washington Connections Academy Goldendale is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accrediting division of Cognia.
- In 2022 Washington Connections Academy was designated as a School of Distinction through Cognia.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, Advance Placement, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

Honors course offerings include:

English 9-10, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, and World History.

Advanced Placement course offerings include:

Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, US History, Calculus and Statistics.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Nicole McCauley (K-8)

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MANAGER OF COUNSELING:

Natalie Seward

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Lisa Perry

SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale has over 100 highly qualified teachers.

COVID-19 GRADING UPDATES:

During the 2019-2020 School Year, students were awarded their grade as it stood on March 17th, 2020. Any student with a grade of an F was given an Incomplete on their transcript with the opportunity to earn that credit and a grade of Pass the following year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Washington Connections Academy Goldendale operates on a semester system using Carnegie units. One semester equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have the opportunity to be granted high school credit. Non-credit graduation requirements include Washington State History, Graduation Pathway for English and Math, and completion of High School and Beyond Plan.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science (with 2 lab sciences)	3
Social Studies	3
Arts**	2
World Language**	2
Health	.5
PE	1.5
Career and Tech Ed	1
Other Electives	4
Total	24

**Students may elect a personalized pathway option

GRADE SCALE

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	GPA Points
A	92-100	4.00
A-	90-91	3.7
B+	88-89	3.33
B	82-87	2.7
B-	80-81	3.00
C+	78-79	2.3
C	72-77	2
C-	70-71	1.7
D+	68-69	1.3
D	60-67	1
F	0-59	0

Testing Information

Washington Connections Academy at Goldendale adheres to all state and national testing requirements, and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals.

Required High School State Testing:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment in English
- Smarter Balanced Assessment in Math
- Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

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 Natalie Seward, Manager of Counseling Services at nseward@waca.connectionsacademy.org.

Career Pathways Program

Students in grades 6-12 will be in engaged in a number of opportunities designed to support College and Career Readiness to ensure that our students have early exposure to all opportunities and experiences that will set them on the path to success immediately after graduation. Our approach to career exploration, the various pathways we offer, and our focus on engaging students with Higher Ed. and industry professionals as early and often as possible will help to immediately bridge the gap between high school and true career readiness.