

# 2021-2022 School Profile

CEEB Code # 380101

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

We empower students with the tools and experiences needed to create an individualized path to lifelong personal success through a culture that encourages growth, service, and exploration.

### OUR HISTORY

Willamette Connections Academy is a tuition free virtual 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 2019-2020 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June of 2020.

### OUR PROGRAM

Willamette Connections Academy is a four-year comprehensive high school program serving students throughout Oregon in grades K-12. Here are some important facts about our program:

- The school has 60 certified/licensed professional staff and five Administrative Assistants. Of those, all 38 licensed professionals have earned advanced degrees and all staff are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of Sept.8 and June 17th.
- Students on the traditional pacing can earn up to 6 credits during the school year. The typical course load is 6 classes per semester. However, students can take additional courses if requested by student or caretaker.
- The school operates on a semester system.
- 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.
- Willamette Connections Academy adheres to all state testing requirements and additionally encourages students to take the appropriate college entrance and preparatory exams necessary for reaching their personal and academic goals. Required State Testing: SBAC; Optional Testing: PSAT 9/10, PSAT 10, SAT, ACT WorkKeys.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**PRINCIPAL:** Chris Long

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL K-5:** Heather Engelhardt

**MANAGER OF**

**COUNSELING:** Angela Smith

**MANAGER OF SPECIAL**

**EDUCATION:** Sage Miller

**LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristy Eckhardt

### ACCREDITATIONS

Connections Academy schools are supported by Connections Education LLC, dba Pearson Online & Blended Learning, which is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancED.

## ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

Willamette Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs.

**Honors course offerings:** Algebra I and II, English, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Marine Science, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

**Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings:** Spanish, English, Calculus, Statistics, Computer Science, Biology, Microeconomics, Psychology, U.S. History, Environmental Science.

Please feel free to view all our high school courses at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-virtual-school>.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Standard Diploma Option

24 credits are required for Oregon graduation. Specific requirements for the standard diploma are:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	2
Health	1
Second Language, Career Technical Education, The Arts	3
Career Education	0.5
Senior Success (Includes extended application)	0.5
Other Electives	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

### Honors Diploma Option

Students may obtain an Oregon Honors Diploma Seal by completing the following graduation requirements with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts (Including 2 credits of Honors or AP-Level ELA courses)	4
Math (Including Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2)	3
Science (Including Inquiry and Lab experience, and 2 credits of Honors or AP-level courses)	3
Social Studies (Including 1 credit of an Honors or AP-level course)	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Second Language	2
CTE or the Arts	2
Senior Success (Includes extended application)	0.5
Career Education	0.5
Electives	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

## GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses.

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Passing?	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
<b>A+</b>	97-100	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A</b>	92-96	Yes	4.00	4.50	5.00
<b>A-</b>	90-91	Yes	3.67	4.17	4.67
<b>B+</b>	87-89	Yes	3.33	3.83	4.33
<b>B</b>	82-86	Yes	3.00	3.50	4.00
<b>B-</b>	80-81	Yes	2.67	3.17	3.67
<b>C+</b>	77-79	Yes	2.33	2.83	3.33
<b>C</b>	72-76	Yes	2.00	2.50	3.00
<b>C-</b>	70-71	Yes	1.67	2.17	2.67
<b>D+</b>	67-69	Yes	1.33	1.83	2.33
<b>D</b>	62-66	Yes	1.00	1.50	2.00
<b>D-</b>	60-61	Yes	.67	1.17	1.67
<b>F</b>	0-59	No	0.00	0.00	0.00