



2019-2020
Tennessee Connections Academy
Annual Report

The mission of Tennessee Connections Academy is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

Accountability of the Virtual School

Goal: State Test Scores

2019-20 Results:

The TNReady/EOC testing was cancelled. No data available for 19-20

Goal: Grades K-8 Successful Course Completion

2019-20 Results:

1st Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
82%	66%	87%	75%
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
78%	78%	83%	77%

2nd Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
89%	84%	90%	88%
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5	6-8	K-5	6-8
91%	95%	86%	93%

Goal: High School Successful Course Completion

2019-20 Results:

1st Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
9-12		K-5	
73%		67%	
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5		K-5	
75%		81%	

2nd Semester

ELA Course Pass Rates		Math Course Pass Rates	
K-5		K-5	
79%		78%	
Science Course Pass Rates		Social Studies Course Pass Rates	
K-5		K-5	
84%		94%	

Goal: Parent Satisfaction

2019-20 Results:

Overall parent satisfaction at 81.2%

Sample questions from the survey

THUS FAR, WHAT GRADE WOULD YOU GIVE THE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY PROGRAM THIS YEAR? (Grades of A and B)	DO YOU RECOMMEND CONNECTIONS ACADEMY TO PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM?	OVERALL, HOW SATISFIED IS YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WITH THE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY PROGRAM?	MY CHILDREN ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.
81.80%	89.40%	90.70%	84.10%

Goal: Student Retention

2019-20 Results:

During School Year withdrawal rate was 36%

Goal: Financial and Fiscal

2019-20 Results:

TNCA continues to meet all financial obligations. The Schools' fiscal health is backed by the financial stability of Pearson.

Evidence of Pearson's financial stability at the following

website: <https://www.pearson.com/investors/financial-results-and-annual-reports-and-accounts.html>

Benchmark Assessment Results

2019-20 Results:

TNCA used the EasyCBM benchmark assessment as the universal screening measure

		Reading Benchmark								
		Fall			Winter			Spring		
Grade		Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%	Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%	Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%
K		64.00%	15.00%	21.00%	40.00%	34.00%	26.00%	14.00%	44.00%	42.00%
1		52.00%	14.00%	34.00%	48.00%	18.00%	34.00%	46.00%	24.00%	30.00%
2		74.00%	22.00%	4.00%	86.00%	11.00%	3.00%	87.00%	8.00%	5.00%
3		80.00%	16.00%	4.00%	78.00%	12.00%	10.00%	85.00%	15.00%	0.00%
4		77.00%	17.00%	6.00%	73.00%	21.00%	6.00%	68.00%	25.00%	7.00%
5		84.00%	14.00%	2.00%	69.00%	26.00%	5.00%	60.00%	36.00%	4.00%
6		75.00%	19.00%	6.00%	81.00%	14.00%	5.00%	83.00%	14.00%	3.00%
7		76.00%	16.00%	8.00%	71.00%	26.00%	3.00%	64.00%	27.00%	9.00%
8		58.00%	30.00%	12.00%	66.00%	25.00%	9.00%	67.00%	25.00%	8.00%
K-8 Avg		71.00%	18.00%	11.00%	68.00%	21.00%	11.00%	64.00%	24.00%	12.00%
9		51.40%	8.60%	40.00%	39.40%	12.60%	48.00%	62.00%	6.50%	31.50%
10		55.80%	8.10%	36.00%	50.40%	11.10%	38.50%	69.20%	4.40%	26.40%
11		67.00%	5.00%	28.00%	50.60%	12.80%	36.60%	63.50%	13.50%	23.10%
12		92.90%	2.40%	4.80%	61.80%	12.70%	25.50%	58.70%	10.90%	30.40%
9-12 Avg		63.80%	6.40%	29.90%	48.00%	12.30%	39.70%	64.00%	8.70%	27.30%

		Math Benchmark								
		Fall			Winter			Spring		
Grade		Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%	Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%	Above 25%	10% - 25%	Below 10%
K		97.00%	3.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
1		100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	95.00%	5.00%	0.00%
2		98.00%	2.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	92.00%	8.00%	0.00%
3		98.00%	2.00%	0.00%	98.00%	2.00%	0.00%	94.00%	3.00%	3.00%
4		88.00%	6.00%	6.00%	87.00%	11.00%	2.00%	92.00%	4.00%	4.00%
5		80.00%	16.00%	4.00%	74.00%	21.00%	5.00%	72.00%	8.00%	20.00%
6		81.00%	11.00%	8.00%	81.00%	13.00%	6.00%	80.00%	13.00%	7.00%
7		79.00%	11.00%	10.00%	69.00%	19.00%	12.00%	78.00%	13.00%	9.00%
8		84.00%	14.00%	2.00%	70.00%	18.00%	12.00%	68.00%	16.00%	16.00%
K-8 Avg		89.00%	7.00%	4.00%	87.00%	9.00%	4.00%	86.00%	8.00%	6.00%
9		35.70%	8.60%	55.70%	31.60%	6.90%	61.50%	40.40%	8.50%	51.10%
10		38.90%	18.90%	42.20%	35.90%	7.70%	56.30%	37.10%	15.70%	47.20%
11		51.40%	11.00%	37.60%	36.60%	8.50%	54.90%	43.50%	12.00%	44.60%
12		61.00%	17.10%	22.00%	35.20%	7.40%	57.40%	43.80%	14.60%	41.70%
9-12 Avg		45.50%	13.50%	41.00%	34.60%	7.70%	57.70%	40.90%	12.40%	46.70%

Student Enrollment and Demographic Details

2019-20 Results:

Enrollment

EOY – June 30, 2020		Number	Percent
Total YTD Enrollment		2072	NA
Total Enrolled EOY		1338	64%
Grade Distribution	Kindergarten	52	
	1	44	
	2	39	
	3	39	
	4	58	
	5	53	
	6	100	

	7	143	
	8	192	
	9	195	
	10	175	
	11	173	
	12	64	
New/Returning	New	1328	
	Returning	0	

Demographics

EOY – June 30, 2020		Number	Percent
Gender	Female	761	57
	Male	567	43
	X		
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	101	7
	Not Hispanic or Latino	1227	93
Distinct Race/Ethnicity	American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	1
	Asian	6	1206
	Black/African American	206	15
	Hispanic or Latino	101	79
	Multiple Races	92	6
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	1
	White/Caucasian	912	68
Primary Language Spoken at Home	English	2020	97.5
	Spanish	29	1.4
	Urdu	0	
	Another Language	23	1.1
	No language reported		
F.A.R.M. Eligibility	Qualifies for Reduced	298	14.38%
	Qualifies for Free	999	48.21%

The FARM Eligibility is based on Income verification process through the school's enrollment process and not direct cert numbers from the state. The Direct Cert number classifying ED from the state were 42% for the K-8 and 31% for the 9-12

Special Populations

EOY – June 30, 2020		Number	Percent
Special Populations	Gifted	56	2.7
	IEP	212	10.2
	504	78	3.7

Attendance Data

Reporting Period	K-8 Percent	9-12 Percent
8/12/19 – 9/9/19	91.4%	89.4%
9/10/19 – 10/7/19	93.4%	91.2%
10/8/19 – 11/12/19	92.2%	87.2%
11/13/19 – 12/13/19	92.9%	86.0%
12/16/19 – 1/27/20	92.4%	86.8%
1/28/20 – 2/25/20	93.9%	90.6%
2/26/20 – 3/31/20	91.3%	86.2%
4/1/20 – 4/28/20	91.4%	85.5%
4/29/20 – 5/27/20	92.2%	88.8%

Graduation Rate

Tennessee Connections Academy graduation rate for 2019-20 was 84.6%

Special Accomplishments for 2019-20

- *Staff survey results for fall and spring at 91% and 86% positive engagement*
- *Uninterrupted learning for all students during a pandemic year that saw many students across the state lose 2-3 months of learning*
- *Staff retention rate above 95%*

“What’s Next”

During the 2020-21 school year, TNCA will focus on the following area:

- We will continue to strive for pass rates above 90% in English, science and social studies and a pass rate of 87% or higher in math,
- We will continue to support all high school students in graduating on-time, in 4-years
- We will implement Renaissance STAR 360, an interim and formative assessment tool used 3 times a year in reading and math to support student achievement
- We will hire a fulltime Truancy Officer to work with families on attendance
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion monthly training series for staff