



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

SCCA provides a personalized education for students to master the knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to achieve their college and career goals.

OUR HISTORY

South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA) 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 2008–09 school year as a K–12 school. South Carolina Connections Academy graduated its first 12th grade class in June 2009. The Class of 2019 included 591 graduates.

OUR PROGRAM

South Carolina Connections Academy offers a K-12 comprehensive school program with an enrollment of approximately 5,300 students school-wide, and 2,500 students in grades 9-12. Here are some important facts about the school:

- The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- South Carolina Connections Academy has 93 certified educators, including 72 general education teachers, 10 special education teachers, and 11 school counselors. Of those staff members, 73% have earned advanced degrees.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and June.

Students in the Class of 2019 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$2,626,122 and were accepted to the following colleges: American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Clemson University, Loyola University, University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt University. Notable scholarship awards include:

South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 18
Chick-Fil-A Leadership and Remarkable Futures Scholarships

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 our office at 803-212-4712 to speak with our School Counseling team.



COURSE OFFERINGS

South Carolina Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Foundation programs. Students also can participate in the Dual Credit Enrollment program, where they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending postsecondary institutions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Alicia Hughes

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Dean, Erin Hynum, Jordan

Sweeney

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Shea Heller

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Counseling Staff: Kristy Cisneros,

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ACCREDITATIONS



AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 1-4, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History. Please feel free to view all of our high school courses at <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-virtual-school/curriculum/high-school/courses>



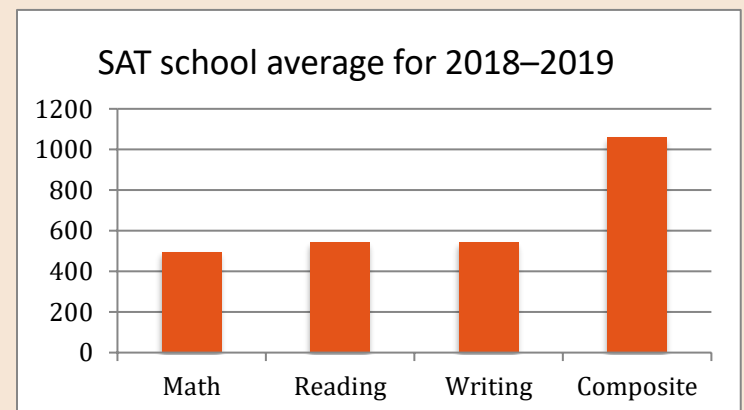
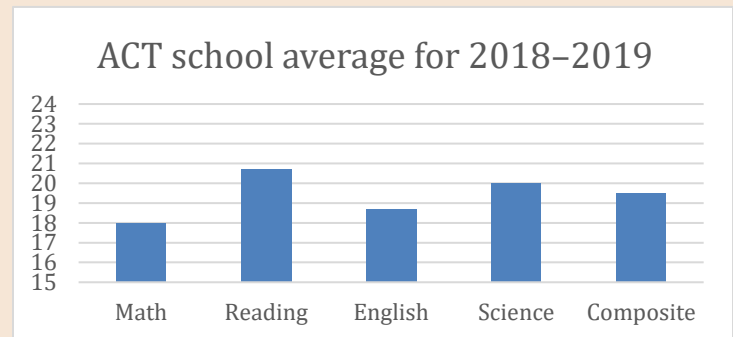
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

South Carolina 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. 24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Foreign Language or CATE	1
Other Electives	6.5
Total	24

Specific requirements include:

AVERAGE TEST SCORES



PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Plan	%
Two-year college	29
Four-year college	21
Employment	36
Vocational Training	9
Military	5
Total	100

AP participation 2018-2019

- 107 students enrolled in AP courses (9%)



GRADE SCALE

South Carolina Connections Academy uses the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. A student's transcript reflects weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. No credit is awarded for grades of 59% or less.

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

10 Point Grading Scale South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions

Grade	Grade %	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/ Dual Credit Weighting
A	90 – 100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
B	80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
C	70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
D	60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
F	51-59	0.1-0.9	0.6-1.4	1.1-1.9
F	0-50	0.0	0.0	0.0

WF = Withdraw Fail and FA = Failure due to Absences. WF and FA will factor into the student's GPA as a 50.

NP = Not Passing and AU = Audit. NP and AU will not affect the GPA and will not earn credit.

P = Passing. P will not affect the GPA and will earn credit.

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 (excluding Pass/Fail and Incomplete), including transfer courses. Senior class rank is only assigned to successful Spring Graduates.